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Mutiny In Atlantic Ocean

American Ship Calls For Aid

London, July 12.—United States Navy Headquarters here were informed today that the crew of the 7,176-ton American steamship William Carson had mutinied in the Atlantic Ocean, north of the Azores, and the ship had sent an urgent message for immediate aid.

The ship was reported to be out of control.

Rear-Admiral Richard Conolly, Commander-in-Chief of United States Naval Forces in Europe and the Mediterranean, ordered senior officers aboard the ship nearest the Carson to investigate.

A Navy spokesman said the Carson's distress signal was sent from a location about 250 miles northeast of the Azores, about 700 miles west of Oporto, Portugal.

"COME AT ONCE"

He said the message was picked up by Radio Valencia and relayed to Lloyds shipping office here. Lloyds informed the United States naval authorities.

According to Radio Valencia, the message said, "Crew mutinous. Hampton Roads standing by. Come at once."

The message referred to the American steamship Hampton Roads, 14,130 tons, of New York City.

The Carson is owned by the South Atlantic Steamship Line of Savannah, Georgia.

She was bound from Genoa to Nova Scotia after delivering a cargo of Marshall Plan coal.

UNDER CHARTER

(The Carson is operated under charter from the Maritime Commission. In New York, an official of the company said no report of mutiny had been received. He said the Carson carried between 39 and 44 men and was probably in ballast.)

(In Savannah, the operations office of the South Atlantic Company said it had received word that the ship was "in difficulty because of the crew." Word came from Lloyds. The operators said they had radioed the ship direct for details but had not received an answer.)—United Press.

Falls To His Death

Athens, July 12.—Major Clifford Coombs, 40, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, today fell to his death from the third floor of a hotel in Athens. The British authorities were said to discount suicide since the Union officer's morale was of the best and he held a party last night. An investigation will be made by the British military court.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

We're Doing Our Part

EITHER the China Economist cannot, or for reasons best known to itself, will not be convinced that Hongkong is playing its full part in the prevention of smuggling between the Colony and China. Instead the paper continues to advance airy, unsubstantiated insinuations about Hongkong's failure to implement the Anti-Smuggling Agreement. We challenge the China Economist to support these charges with facts. In the same way that Mr. Himmworth backs his case with facts. These facts prove beyond doubt or further argument that Hongkong is fully implementing the anti-smuggling agreement. By that we mean it is operative in this Colony so far as the Government's commitments under the pact are concerned. It is true the agreement has not yet become legislation, but the China Economist, who claims to be so fully informed on the subject, probably knows why: It is not due to any obstruction on the part of Hongkong. The China Economist persists in harping on the economic indivisibility of Hongkong and China, warning us that unless we sacrifice everything for the financial and industrial regeneration of the hinterland, we shall find ourselves eventually in the same state as the hinterland. This is an example of distorted thinking and argument. Normally, by which we mean when the condition of China is normal, the economy of the two places is closely related. That cannot be claimed at the present moment because of fundamental differences. Hongkong has a stable currency, no labour unrest,

smoothly-running and efficient public services, adequately rationed essential food supplies and a well-organized administrative machine. China, and especially a city such as Shanghai, has none of these assets; therefore, as things stand, China and Hongkong cannot be integrally bound by a common economic factor. Nor is it true, despite the China Economist's inference, that Hongkong's favourable economic and financial position is due to smuggling. It is the reward of clear-sighted administration in which free enterprise and official control have been judiciously mixed; due also to the spirit of endeavour and self-help latent throughout the community since the reoccupation. Smuggling there has been; smuggling there still is; but neither in the past, and certainly not at the present in such a volume as to bring about the Colony's prosperity at the expense of her neighbour. The position must be stated bluntly: any leakage today of banned commodities from China is because the Chinese authorities are either not capable or are unwilling to prevent the smuggling; and illegal traffic of commodities into China is again due to the Chinese authorities being unable to make use of the opportunities afforded them to catch the smugglers under the anti-smuggling pact. It behoves the Chinese Government to take more active steps toward implementing the anti-smuggling agreement concluded between the Crown Colony and China if it desires to see the pact operating effectively.

Guerillas Wreck Malaya's Only Coal Mine

OPERATION IS SKILFULLY CARRIED OUT

Singapore, July 12.—With machine-guns blazing, 170 guerillas swept into Malaya's only mining town of Batu Arang today and held it for 90 minutes while skilled saboteurs wrecked vital equipment.

The guerillas cut all communications to the town, pinned down the police and Europeans, including passengers in an arriving train, skilfully wrecked the mine and vanished again into the jungle before Gurkhas and police reinforcements could arrive.

They singled out five Chinese, including the general overseer of the mine, for deliberate murder.

A communique issued at the Federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, 25 miles away, said the police believed they killed one of the raiders.

Another group of 30 armed terrorists, 150 miles away, raided the Sengang rubber estate today. The Indian manager escaped through the rubber trees, leaving the attackers in control.

In Singapore, a bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council tomorrow giving the Governor, Sir F. C. Gimson, blanket power to suspend, supersede or suppress any existing law as part of the campaign against the Communists.

The bill extends to two years the time a person can be detained without being charged, it was reported.

Plain clothes detectives raided a rural area outside Singapore today, the fourth large sweep in a week. Twelve Chinese and two Malaysians were detained.

WELL PLANNED

Royal Air Force Spitfires roared low over Batu Arang as the guerillas, many of them in the green uniform of the former Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army, carried out their attack.

The assault began at 7 a.m. local time with the cutting of road and telephone lines into the town. The raiders then broke into groups. One—37 strong—held up a train entering

the town and herded the 53 passengers on board. Into the station master's office for an hour.

Another party attacked the police station, pinning down 16 constables with concentrated fire from behind heaps of stones and rubble. A third surrounded the European quarter, keeping the 22 people there indoors.

With the town thus in their control, another party, including experts who knew what they were doing, smashed the most vulnerable machinery at the mine itself.

They fired shots in water pumps and compressors of eight trailers and seriously damaged three main excavators. They forced the driver of one excavator to run over the edge into an open cut.

VAIN REQUEST

The manager of the mine was reported to have asked for military protection a fortnight ago, but all troops were tied up elsewhere.

Mr. J. W. Elliot, the General Manager of the Batu Arang colliery, said tonight that the terrorists' sabotage will not affect the production immediately but may do so in a month or two if the damage is irreparable.

The sabotage was carried out by men who "obviously knew the layout," he said, for two cases of major damage occurred two miles apart. A "mystery" girl in the attack was a 17-year-old Chinese who walked calmly through the passengers on the railway platform to take a train's first aid box, apparently for the guerillas.

In the attack on the Sengang Estate, near Ipoh, the terrorists, comprising 30 heavily armed Chinese, drove off the estate's manager and two special constables firing 300 shots at them as they crossed a river while escaping. Troops later reoccupied the estate, but the factory buildings were reported to have been razed to the ground.

It was announced in Singapore today that the Volunteer Corps will be reformed.—Reuter.

Pedicab Driver Dies After Being Hit

Shanghai, July 13.—Harold William Allen, 28, of Dayton, Ohio, pleaded innocent in the District Court to a charge of assault resulting in the death of a pedicab driver on May 29.

Allen told the court he did not strike the Chinese coolie intentionally. He said he was just trying to ward him off, but the coolie stubbornly followed him.

The prosecution told the court the incident was the result of a misunderstanding between Allen and Sun Chu-hsien, the pedicab coolie. The coolie failed to take Allen to his destination and a quarrel followed over payment of the fare. The court said that judgment will be announced next Monday.

Goat Struts On Two Legs



Two-legged billy goat owned by farmer Henry Dorroh at Kuttawa, Ky., struts around the barnyard on his front legs, his head down and his body up in the air. The goat's hind legs were frozen shortly after he was born, then a cow stepped on his legs, severing both near the knees. About four weeks later the goat was performing like a gymnast.—AP Picture.

Jews Striking Out For Big Water Supply Base

Tel-Aviv July 12.—Jewish troops, capitalising on the capture of Lydda and Ramle, swiftly developed their offensive and seized Majdal Yaba, only three miles from the great water supply base of Ras el Ain.

It was believed that the capture of Ras el Ain itself would follow within a few days and that thereby Jerusalem's long-interrupted water supply would be restored.

Jewish forces, well-equipped with armour and supported by planes, are attacking along a front of nearly 15 miles from Ramle to Majdal.

A Haifa dispatch reported that 2,000 Arab troops were trapped at Tira, five miles south of Haifa on the Haifa-Tel-Aviv coastal highway. Arab women and children were fleeing the town.

CAIRO COMMUNIQUE

In Cairo, it was announced that Egyptian troops had occupied two villages two miles southwest of Jerusalem. They were said to have blown up a number of Jewish positions, causing heavy casualties.

Egyptian planes bombed Yahudiya and Wilhelmina, which Jewish troops had captured in the Lydda-Ramle offensive, the communique said.

Egyptian heavy bomber planes made a night attack on Tel-Aviv, according to the communique, hitting steel mills, the Ford motor car company and water tanks.

It was also asserted that fires were caused.—United Press.

BERNADOTTE IN NY

Lake Success, July 12.—The United States delegation has asked the United Nations Security Council to meet as soon as possible following the arrival in New York of the Palestine mediator, Count Bernadotte.

'No Savvy' Leads To Fatal Shooting

Shanghai, July 13.—A railway policeman shot and killed a Cantonese private, the police said, following a misunderstanding through failure of the two Chinese to understand each other's dialects.

The police said the policeman, thought the Cantonese, Lee Tze-luan, was trying to board a train to escape conscription into the army. Actually, Lee and two companions had just in Shanghai and were trying to find their way back to their ship. Lee's companions said they met no one who could understand Cantonese dialect when the policeman arrived and tried to arrest them. They said Lee pulled out a hand-grenade and the policeman shot him.—Associated Press.

BEA Cancels Air Services To France

Security Workers Go On Strike

Paris, July 12.—The British European Airways were reported tonight to have cancelled all services into strike-bound France tomorrow because of a stoppage by air security workers.

A company official made the announcement on the air security services, in which the Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labour claims about 1,200 members out of 1,500 were stopping work for an unlimited period from 9 a.m. local time tonight.

All planes in the air tonight will be taken care of by the security services.

The BEA manager in France, Colonel F. G. Carr, said: "The strike is expected to begin at 9 p.m. (local time) tonight. It affects the men who look after the security of planes in flight. As a result, we have cancelled all incoming services to France during tomorrow."

"Tomorrow afternoon we are meeting the French Ministry of Air and we hope that arrangements will be made for the military to take over the security work and allow a restricted emergency service to begin on Wednesday."

LAST PLANE LEAVES

Colonel Carr said BEA was cancelling the last plane out from London tonight, but the last plane out from Paris would leave.

The Istanbul service from London, which leaves there at midnight, has been cancelled as the plane normally lands at Marseilles on the first stage of its flight.

The Madrid service from London tomorrow will not be cancelled.

Air France services from London are also affected. An official of Transworld Airways at Orly Airport said the strike would not affect their flights as an emergency relief security service would be in operation.

British Overseas Airways long-distance flying boats, flying via Marseilles, are being re-routed and plans are being made to re-route the London-Cairo service.—Reuter.

LEANING TOWER FALLING DOWN

Pisa, July 12.—The famous leaning Tower of Pisa will collapse in the next four centuries, engineers and architects Association of Pisa said today.

The 13th century tower already leans over 16 feet to one side and it leans a little more each year.

The Bureau of Monuments maintains however, that the concrete injections at the base of the tower will hold it at the present incline for all eternity or at least for another 1,000 years.—United Press.

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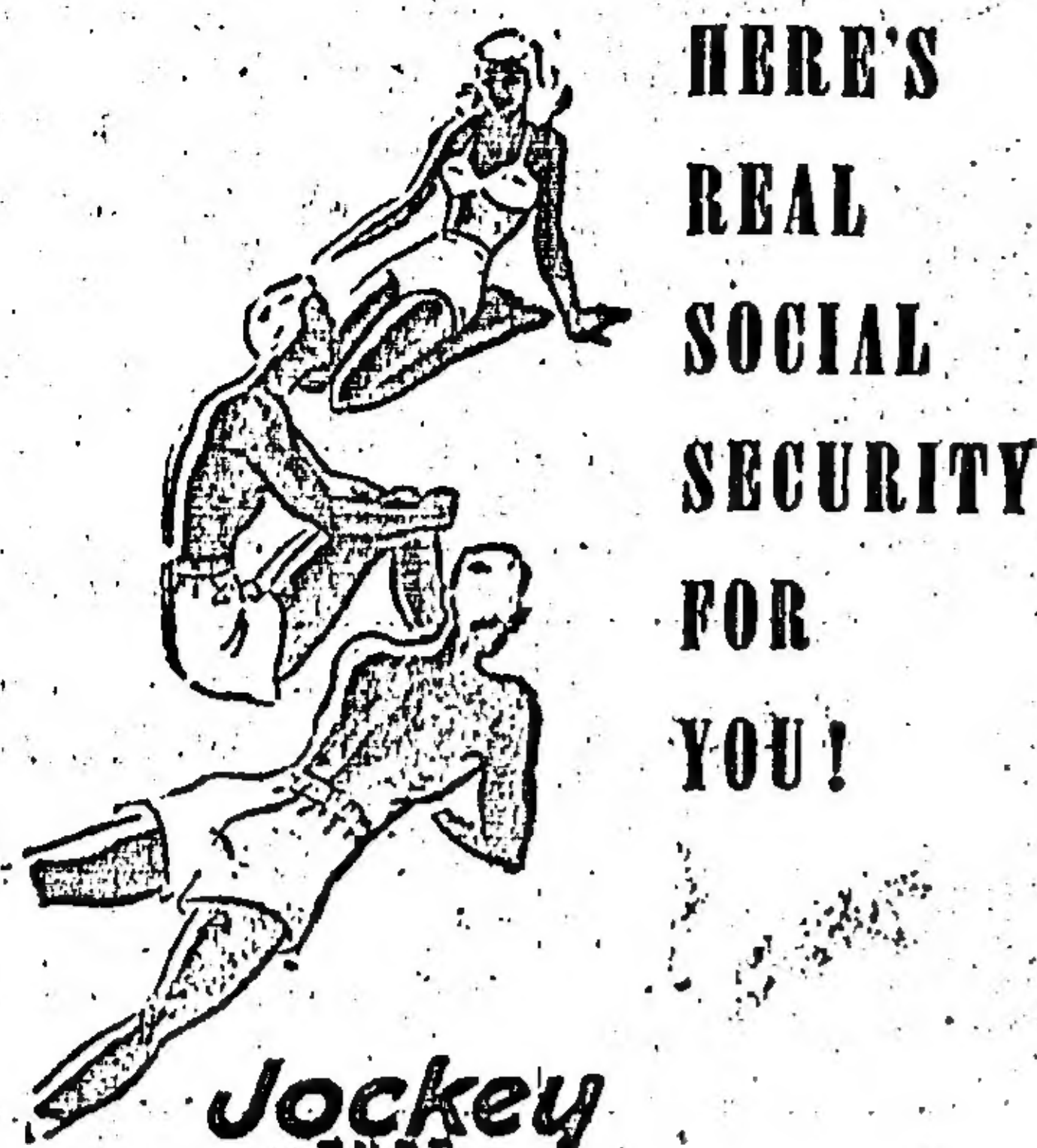


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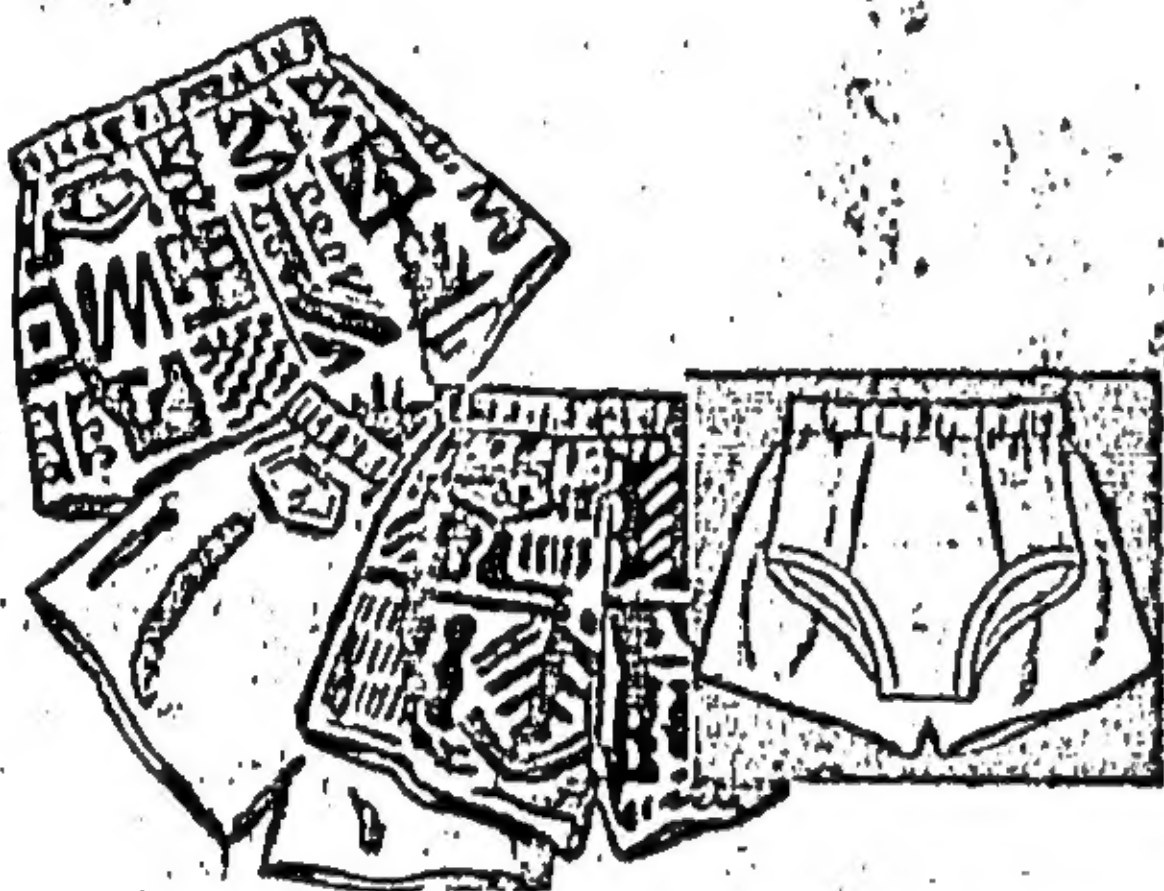
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WOMANSENSE

Hats For Everywoman

HATS designed for Britain's everywoman were displayed by the Millinery Information Centre at the Waldorf Hotel, London, where



spring and summer styles suitable for all purposes were on show. Prices ranged from fifteen shillings to four pounds.

Trimmed with large bows of Petersham ribbon of the Royal Anniversary colours, Blue, White and Red, this navy-blue wool felt boater is tied in place with a white veil.



Another version of the "new look" (for hats) is black spotted white organdie pancake model, draped with organdie, from the Dolores range for summer.



Styled from Grandmother's bonnet is this dainty confection of flowers nestling in natural coloured straw, which is tied under the chin with mauve veiling. This straw also was displayed by the Millinery Information Centre.

London To Be World Fashion Centre

LONDON, between July 19 and 30, is to be the fashion centre of the world.

Buyers from 30 countries, during a "London Fashion Fortnight" sponsored by the Board of Trade, will be in London to view and place orders for the products of Britain's leading model houses, designers and wholesalers.

More than 230 firms will exhibit their designs at shows in hotels or showrooms in the West End.

A number of organisations, such as the Mantle-Costume Manufacturers Export Group, will give

composite displays by their members.

Fashion fabric displays will be put on throughout the fortnight at the showrooms of 80 houses offering woollen, cotton, silk, rayon and nylon piece goods.

On one occasion visitors will be able to combine business with breakfast.

That will be on Friday, July 23, when, between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., Lady Reading will give a breakfast reception at her house in Smith-square, Westminster.

On display at this reception will be examples of hand-made fashion products of Women's Home Industries.

Symbol for the Fashion Fortnight, which is the first to be held, is a design incorporating the statue of Eros against the background of the Regent-street quadrant.

Just Right For Daytime



By VERA WINSTON

THERE ARE some dresses that seem exactly right for any day and for any but formal occasions. Such a frock is this wearable model of navy silk crepe with a design of dainty pink bouquets. The bolero is a simulated effect and serves to minimize the waistline. The shoulders are gently flanged and the sleeves are flatteringly the some-times far-from-perfect upper arm. The skirt is gently flared.

9-Year-Old Sports Hair Three Feet Long

Columbus, O.—All hair and a yard long. That's Jo Stonerock, nine-year-old, whose brown tresses measure three feet when unbraided. "A man offered me \$50 to have it for making wigs," Jo said. "But daddy said no." Mr and Mrs George Stonerock, Jo's parents, said her hair never has been cut.

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Cultivate Graceful Carriage



Graceful carriage is a beauty asset that every girl can cultivate, says Screen Star Evelyn Keyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY young girl who would cultivate an attractive figure should walk "like a lady." Lady is an old-fashioned word. You don't hear it very often. But it has a definite meaning besides that of social grace.

There is a mode of locomotion that is definitely an expression of culture. It has splendour. It is the movement of one who has spirit and self respect. The step is light, figure erect, head balanced. Follow these rules and that little bargain frock you picked up will look like a million dollars. So we repeat that old bromide; it isn't what you wear so much as how you wear it.

Inflate your chest and deflate your tummy. Your spinal column will then give proper support; a job for which it was designed and intended. Let the body go limp and soft and movements will be awkward. The body should appear strong and vibrant.

It is necessary to place the feet properly when walking. The weight should come directly over the ankle bone. That means you must not come down directly on your toes or your heels. A good thought to keep in mind; don't let anyone approaching you see the soles of your shoes.

No woman should walk with a tilted look as if the slightest shove would send her headlong. One is likely to do that when trotting along on heels that are extra high. We would like to put in our ten cents worth right here about the evil effects of high heels, but we know it won't do a bit of good. The sisters will go right on clumping along, losing body balance, straining the muscles of the legs and thighs.

It is interesting to note that shoe manufacturers say that they deplore high heels. But they have to give the women what the women want.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Squire Squirrel Was Tired

—He'd Been Putting Birds Back in Their Nests—

By MAX TRELL

"MY goodness! How tired I am!" Squire Squirrel was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children, with the turned-around names. "Ever since early this morning I've been picking things up, putting them back in the trees, and then waiting for them to fall down again."

Squire Squirrel sighed with weariness as he sat facing the two shadow-children. For their part, Knarf and Hanid looked at Squire Squirrel with puzzled expressions. "Picking what up?" began Knarf. "And putting what back?" asked Hanid.

"Squire Squirrel smiled. 'Not apples, or pears, or peaches, or cherries. Not acorns, or chestnuts or walnuts or hickory nuts, either!' he said. 'When those things fall, no one bothers to put them back. You carry them away and eat them—or bury them a month or two later when you're really hungry.'"

"Then what were they? What did you pick up and put back in the tree and then wait till they fell down again?" Knarf and Hanid both demanded.

Things With Feathers

"Things with feathers," answered Squire Squirrel. "Little things that still don't know how to fly."

"Baby birds!" exclaimed Hanid. "Exactly!" said Squire Squirrel. "Just then for they were all sitting together under an oak tree they heard a loud chirping in the air and the next instant, a round fluffy ball of feathers with a beak and two frightened eyes came tumbling down. It landed on a bed of moss a foot or so away and set up a great twittering."

"You see what I mean? There's another one!" cried Squire Squirrel. "It's a young robin. I put it back in her nest a dozen times."

The young robin now began jumping about like a fat grasshopper, beating her wings in the air and trying to lift herself back into the tree. But she came falling right back again. Knarf and Hanid had



Every time a baby bird fell out of the nest, Squire Squirrel rushed over and helped it back in again.

just started running toward her, for they thought they could be of some help, when all at once two full-grown robins came darting at the screaming: "Don't touch her! Go away! Let her alone! She's no business of yours!"

Meanwhile the young robin had managed to hop off and hide herself somewhere in a rose bush. Then the two old birds flew off.

Two Older Robins

Knarf and Hanid heard Squire Squirrel chuckling behind them. "It's no use your trying to help," he said. "Those two older robins are the mama and papa. They've never learned to really trust people. I suppose," he said, sighing again, "I'll have to take her up to the tree myself, just as I've been doing all day long. And as soon as I get her up again, her brother will fall out—and then her other sister—and then her other brother—and then it will be time for her again...."

So Squire Squirrel, looking very tired, crawled into the rose bush, got the little robin. And the last that Knarf and Hanid saw of him, he was climbing up the tree to put her back where she should have stayed until she learned how to fly.

What Do You Know About Gold?

(Continued from Yesterday)

THIS vein was traced along the mountains into the Carolinas and across Georgia into Alabama.

The richest "diggings" were found in Georgia on Cherokee Indian lands. The first American gold rush developed there and trained miners to recognize gold-bearing areas and quarries in far away regions in later years. The first large quantities of gold mined in the United States came from the Georgia fields. A branch mint was established there at Dahlonega in 1838.

Isaac Humphrey, an old Georgian digger who drifted to California, was the first experienced miner to prove the Sutter's Creek area in California rich in gold. His excited reports, more than those of any other man, started the great California gold rush of '49.

Another Georgia prospector, William Green Russell, made discoveries along the base of the Rocky Mountains that started the great Pike's Peak gold rush 10 years later, in 1859.

Strangely enough, when the last great westward surge of the Pike's Peak gold rush had subsided, Americans had conquered the last frontiers. The settlement of the territory that became the United States, begun so long before by the gentlemen at Jamestown, ended as it began in a search for gold.

Rupert's Island Adventure—36

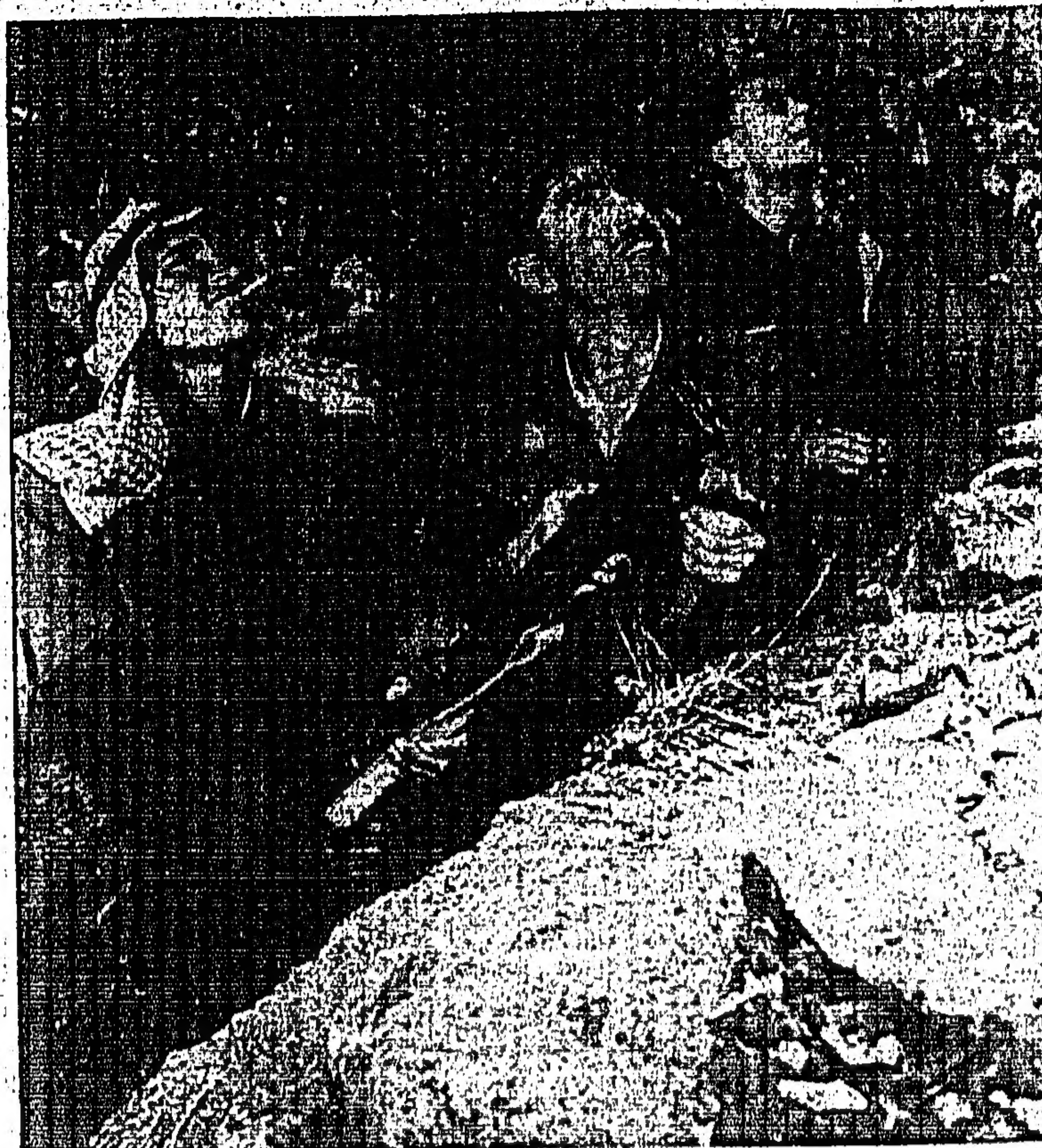


Rupert does not recognize the banks of the river and begins to wonder if he is going the right way. All at once there is a rustle on the shore and Oswald, the otter, appears. "Hello, Rupert," barks Oswald. "How did you get here? Don't you know that the lake you've come from is strictly private? What an odd-looking boat! What's it made of?" "That's a secret," says Rupert. "Do tell me, please, am I heading for Nutwood?" "Why, yes, straight ahead," says Oswald. "You can't miss it."

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MONUMENT IN STONE—Symbolising Beethoven and two of the muses, this monument was begun by George Kolbe, famous German sculptor, 20 years ago. When he died last year, the work was still incomplete, so now workers are finishing it before its unveiling in Frankfurt.



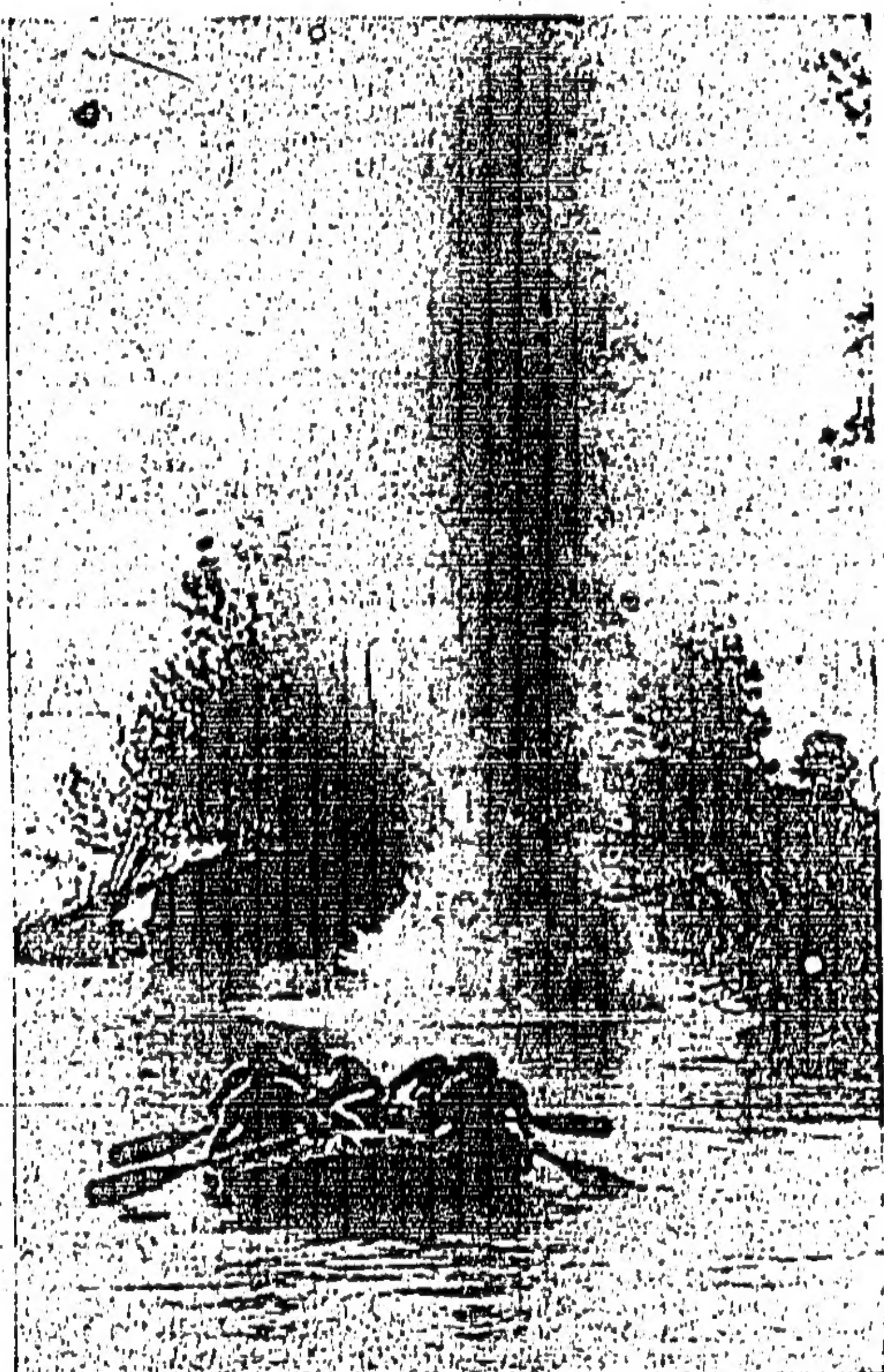
REPEAT?—Scenes like this are being repeated in the Holy Land now that the truce is over. These are soldiers of the Israel Army alerted by the appearance of an Arab plane. The soldier at extreme left is described as an Arab who joined the Jewish forces.



THE WINNER!—Connie Rone, 18, was chosen as Miss New York City from 16 finalists. A former student at the University of Miami, Connie will represent New York at the 1948 Miss America Pageant to be held in Atlantic City.



TWO TROTTERS—Lady Anne Howard, nine-year-old daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, trots her pony for the judges at a London horse show. Later, she mounted Silver and let him do the trotting.



LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!—Demonstrating tactics and materiel for U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, this demolition squad makes a quick getaway after setting off a charge in Lake St. Clair, Michigan.



MADE-TO-ORDER—Gary Lang, of Manchester, Connecticut, now seven years old, was born without ears, but now wears a pair that medical science created from his own bone and cartilage. A hearing aid is still necessary, but soon Gary will look normal. With him are his mother and pastor.



TIL THE COWS SWIM HOME—An amphibious dairy herd (arrow) is led to higher ground in the flood-stricken Laidlaw area, southwest of Hope, British Columbia. Residents were just beginning to recover from the first flood onslaught when a secondary surge of the Fraser River occurred, spilling even more muddy flood waters into the drenched riverside communities.



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RED CHINESE PRISONERS—Men and women of the Communist guerrilla forces, captured by the Chinese Fifth Army, rest in a prison compound while they have their picture taken. The girl in the foreground turned her back, but the others watched the birds. They were captured in Honan.

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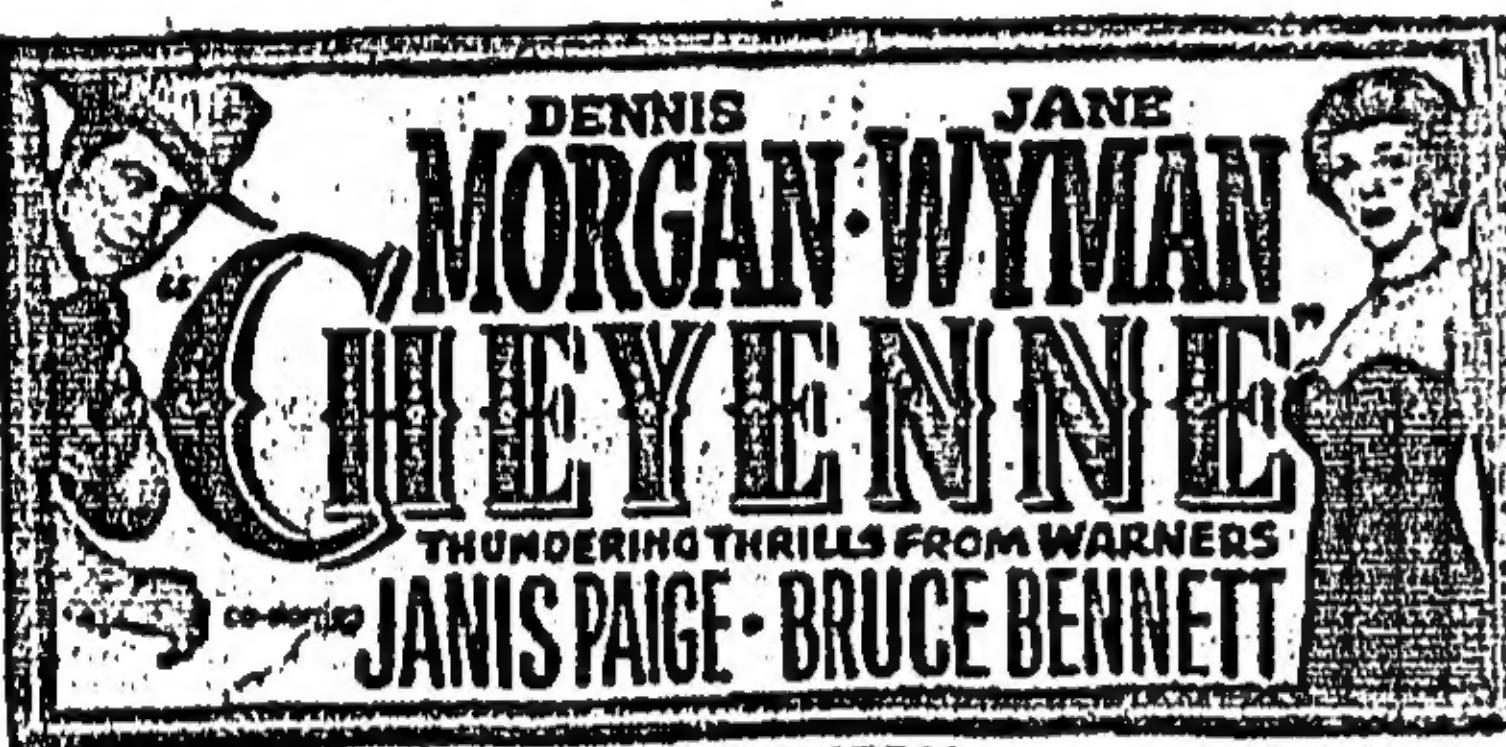
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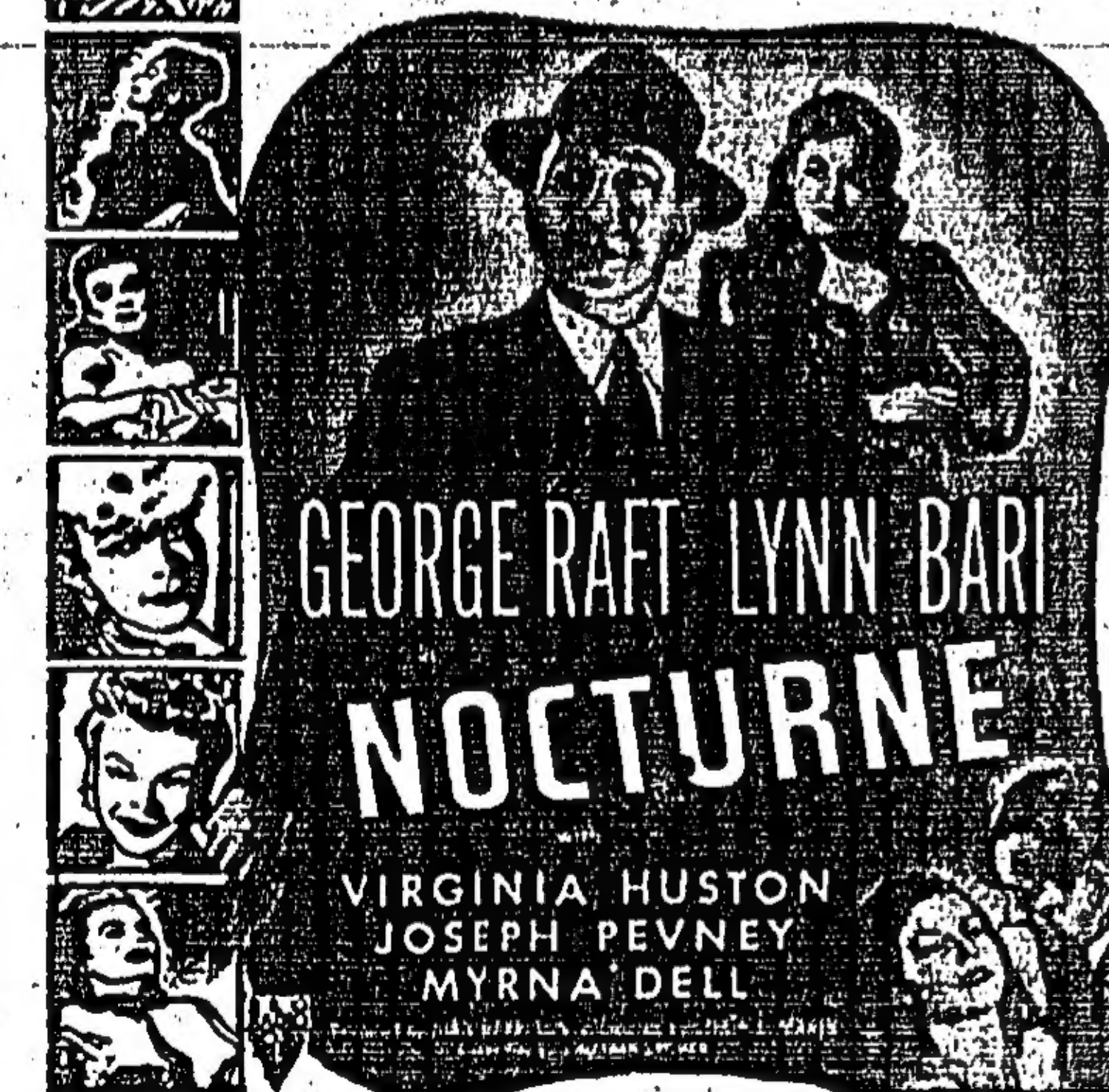
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BARKLEY

JINJA! What a blessed name. It beats Mesopotamia. With a name like Jinja in your notebook you close your eyes and your bit of typewriting does itself.

I am so full of it that I can hardly believe it was only at quarter to one a.m. that it swam into my ken. In the Press Gallery of the House of Commons as if in a dream I distinctly heard a voice saying, "At a place called Jinja..." Instantly wide awake, I found it was real and the voice Mr. Rees-Williams's, Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

I have since heard so much of this place that I predict you will hear more of it.

Jinja is in British Uganda, on the Nile near its exit from Lake Victoria. This is the third largest lake in the world if you count the Caspian—which always seems like cheating. Otherwise, Lake Superior is alone superior in size to Victoria, which is 27,000 square miles and the size of Scotland.

Now hold your breath. One Colonial Office project is to raise the level of Victoria by three feet. It would be done by a dam near Jinja, the biggest dam ever uttered. The White Nile would be diverted to use Lake Albert as a reservoir.

Inconceivable water power would result, and an all-the-year-round water supply guaranteed to the Sudan and Egypt. The ground-nuts scheme is mere peanuts to this.

However, the agreement of the Egyptian politicians is required before we tamper with the Nile. Should that not be forthcoming we go ahead with an alternative scheme which is sufficiently colossal. I am told it is already blue-printed in every detail.

This is to dam the Owen Falls at Jinja and build a power station which may yield electricity at one-tenth of a penny unit. Here, too, we should build copper-smelting works to tackle the copper ore in the Mountains of the Moon.

There is a river which can be canalised to provide cheap transport for the copper ore.

MORE PLANS

THE scheme, too, will drain immense swamps on the borders of Uganda and the Sudan so that not only dairy farms can be established, but elephant grass grown to be made into paper at mills in Jinja.

Rees-Williams recently visited the main centres of these projects with his fellow-Socialist MP, his private parliamentary secretary, Mr. Proctor, another Welshman although he sits for Eccles.

A pair of enthusiasts. It is a sight to see Proctor cupping the great hands with which he used, as a guard, to keep the G.W.R. trains moving before he became an MP and nationalised them.

He holds the Mountains of the Moon and the Owen Falls and Lake Victoria all in the hollow of his hands as he studies his palms and says: "You would think the gods had made it on purpose."

OUR DUTY

WE hear much these days of Western Europe. East and Central Africa within the Colonial Empire are greater than Western Europe. And their population? A mere 15,000,000. We cannot let them go unoccupied and undeveloped any longer," says Rees-Williams. "It is our duty."

The curse is the tsetse fly, which, as he says, "ruins" three-quarters of this area. But scientists are putting new weapons in our hands to unseat this insect devil from his throne.

And when are you going to do all this? said I. Have you got a target? No, the Welshman replied. Their idea is to secure maximum priority for the steel and cement and technicians which the project requires.

I was secretly relieved to hear it. For you will have noticed that the target is the only safe place on the planning range. It never gets hit.

But twice to do it quickly. How infinitely better to labour and sacrifice with hope in our hearts on a great project of cultivating our Empire garden rather than read whether or not we are to get more aid from America.

HEROICS

ANOTHER Socialist speaks very directly on these themes. He is Mr. Ernest Kinghorn (Great Yarmouth). He frankly says it would pay us to go slower in our housing and railway programmes at home in order first to develop our African territories. It is a courageous argument.

Being much of a Tory myself I advertise with glee these Socialist heroics in Empire building. The movement should encourage the Tory MPs to recover their lost Empire soul.

Give the Tories Jinja, Mr. Rees-Williams. Give 'em it hot and strong! They'll like it, you know. They believe in competition, don't they?

And in developing Africa we think not only of the benefits to Britain. We remember that this is the country of that great Christian explorer Livingstone, who prayed for Heaven's blessing on anyone who helped to heal the open sore of the world.

I think he meant slavery. For us the injunction means to free the Africans, as we can, of disease, poverty, malnutrition, and ignorance.

As the last Viceroy leaves India, Africa calls.

JAMES Cameron's Column

RESUMING... after the mission to Africa

LONDON

ANY moment now, you may be sure, some loud and dramatic voice is going to call upon us to stand firm for freedom, or something: to rally in defence of the integrity of Europe.

We in the audience, fidgeting restlessly, will decide, reasonably, that this is where we came in—For a day or two we shall be back in 1938, jumping at shadows. Then the top-form bullies will withdraw to their respective sides, snarling, and we shall settle down to our good old familiar condition of indefinite anxiety.

That is what you get for living in Europe. It is not much of a pot for size, but it steams easily. The unhappiest people in the world live in Europe. Likewise the happiest. They have one thing hopelessly in common: the aptitude for insult.

So Sokolovsky hates Robertson, and Bevin hates Stalin, and Mrs. Blank hates the clippie of the Peterborough bus who gave her 1s 4½d change in coppers.

EUROPE being what it is, you could well imagine that nobody but a lunatic would return to it gladly. I do, constantly, if only because I weary of having my race in quotation marks.

In the last few weeks I have been in a community where it is necessary to sit on "European" benches, use "European" buses and hotels and staircases, go into post offices by the "European" entrance and generally move around in a European way in common with multitudes of people who were never nearer Europe than the south bank of the Zambesi.

However, they are white, which is more than one can say of all one's chums at home. But "European"? You are only a European within cursing-range of Berlin.

This is the heyday for the authority on ill-feeling. Read your newspaper—the authorities insist 11 dockers, so 19,000 other dockers insist authority. Try to get a room in the Hotel. Ask a cabby to take you to Croydon. Take a look, above all, at Parliament. Public affairs are conducted on lines of nattering, and the dirty crack. Politicians are people, and people are awful.

I can take a lot of blinding from a bus conductor, because I don't matter and neither does he. But when I see Europe's international destinies being handled by big-timers with the mental attitudes of pompous country cops, then I wonder what makes me glad to be home.

There is a news-item going round South Africa now of a band of baboons who, after raiding a backyard farm, fled chattering with their loot to the side of a ravine. There they paused to wrangle over their booty, hurling insults around as only baboons can, failing to notice the vengeance behind them. When the farmer arrived, the baboons scattered madly, forgetting the ravine, plunged over the edge and were dashed to pieces.

Don't tell me baboons aren't human. In their country they alone behave like true Europeans.

P.S. The climax to this news-story, however, was that one baboon had seized as his share of the spoils the farmer's umbrella. As his pals fell to destruction, he found it open and parachuted, in some astonishment, to safety. As an allegory I would have made more of that, only somehow, in times of international strain, one hesitates to talk of umbrellas.



THE FIGHT TO BUILD A HEALTHIER PEOPLE

By DR GEORGE GRETTON

HEALTH is the keynote of much of Britain's present social experiment. Without a healthy population there can be little hope of positive achievement in industry, economics or production. Behind the cold figures of the latest vital statistics for England and Wales—fewer of birth and death rates—is an encouraging picture of success in one of the most important of health campaigns, the fight against mortality among mothers and babies in childbirth. Fewer mothers are dying in having children, there are fewer stillbirths, the number of deaths among children under one year of age is steadily declining.

The figures for 1947 reached new low records. There is nothing accidental or exceptional about these low death rates, for over the past decade there has been a gradual reduction in the statistics, stillbirths dropping by 3,000 since 1937, and infant mortality for the last quarter of 1947 being 10 per 1,000 births below the average rate for the fourth quarter of the 10 years 1937 to 1940. To this should be added the fact that the birth rate for last year was the highest for 26 years, due in part perhaps to the number of marriages which took place immediately after the war.

EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION

THE reason for this satisfactory result is to be found in the emphasis put on preventive as opposed to curative medicine, in not waiting for disease to attack, but in fortifying mothers and children so that they are immune against it.

It is, incidentally, 101 years ago that the first steps were taken in the scientific prevention of septicæmia amid scenes of indescribable horror in the Vienna city maternity wards by the young Hungarian doc-

tor, Ignaz Semmelweis. He died a victim to his own zeal for experimentation before modern antiseptics were discovered in the latter half of the century by the great Lord Lister. These pioneers have their memorial in the fact that what was regarded in their time as unpleasantly revolutionary is today treated as part of normal medical practice.

Britain's plans against maternal and infant mortality are concentrated in the new Health Act which has come into operation this month and aims at a still further record reduction in death rates. The Act lays down that it is the responsibility of the health authorities of the state to care for expectant mothers and children under five years of age. The mother-to-be consults a specially qualified maternity doctor—he may be a general practitioner as well but receives extra payments from the health authorities for maternity cases—and he undertakes to examine her during pregnancy, attend the birth and examine her again at least once after the child is born.

As part of the normal health service, a doctor can order any special treatment for a patient which he deems necessary, including dental treatment. The system of special priority rations for expectant mothers, especially milk and meat, which was begun during the late war, is being continued. The health authorities are also responsible for ensuring that she obtains any help she may need in the home, in household duties or in the looking after of her other children.

An important feature of the new health provisions is the special financial grants to mothers—adaptation of another wartime system started for wives of servicemen. The mother receives a sum of £4 when a child is born and a further £1 a

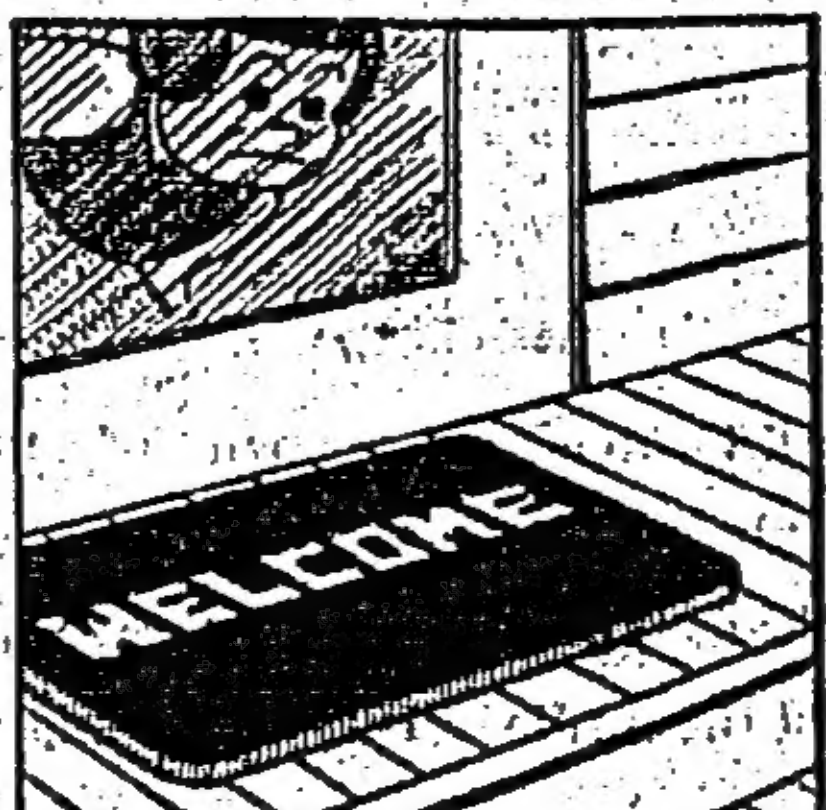
week for a month, so that she has a little extra for the necessities which inevitably arise with the birth of any infant. But if the mother is normally employed in a job, she receives a larger weekly grant of 30s. for a considerably longer period, 13 weeks; which means that if her wages have been a regular part of the family income she will not feel she has to hurry back to work until she is quite fit for it.

BLACK SPOTS

THE latest vital statistics are by no means satisfactory in every respect. Cancer is still one of the black spots. The number of deaths among women from this disease has increased during the last 12 months. Side by side with the taking over of cancer hospitals by the state, a great voluntary appeal has been launched by the British Empire Cancer Campaign to mark its 20th anniversary. It is asking for a £1,000,000 for furthering research and for spreading information about this most dreadful of diseases, so that people may be aware of its growth early enough for measures to be taken against it. The appeal has the support of King George VI and leading doctors.

It is by this type of community and individual effort that Britain intends to save lives, combat disease in all its forms and build a healthier and happier people. Vital statistics may be a dull sounding term, but they tell a story of unremitting efforts of men and women aiming not only at national but also international benefits.

NANCY Shooting Him Away



FUSES STOLEN FROM RESIDENCES

Situation Serious Says China Light

"We've had many hundreds of these fuses stolen and if this carries on it will be impossible for us to supply Kowloon," said Mr C. F. Wood, of the China Light and Power, at Kowloon this morning, when complaining of the theft of fuses from residences.

Charged before Mr J. Wicks were Leung Wing, who admitted two charges of stealing the fuses and one of possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, and Li Tung, who admitted receiving 12 of the stolen fuses.

Sub-Inspector Howarth said that on Sunday morning a watchman saw Leung and a small boy interfering with a fuse box at 242 Fa Yuen Street, Leung actually had the house service box in his hand. When the watchman went to question Leung, the small boy escaped. Leung was taken to the Police Station and he confessed to stealing another 12 sets of fuses on various dates from houses in Fa Yuen Street. After further enquiries, Leung took the Police to Li's shop in Yunnan Lane, saying that he had sold the 12 fuses to Li. The fuses were produced and Li admitted that Leung had sold him three for \$9 on July 7, six for \$17 the next day, and another three for \$9 on July 9.

It was a ridiculous price to pay for the fuses, each of which was worth at least \$8, stated Inspector Howarth, adding that when arrested, Leung had a screw driver in his possession. Mr Wood said it was not so much the value of the fuses as the inconvenience it caused both to the Company and consumers. In Leung's final attempt of theft, he had left all the wires exposed in a very dangerous condition and anyone touching them could have been electrocuted.

Mr Wicks sentenced Leung to 18 months and Li to nine months.

Round-Up Of Opium Offenders

As a sequel to extensive raids on opium dens in the Wanchai area by the Police yesterday, a number of divan keepers and smokers appeared before Mr d'Almeida at Central this morning.

Ng Sau-king, a 40-year-old woman, was charged with aiding and abetting the keeping of an opium den at an unnumbered hut at 1A Jardine Street. Pang Tsui-sang, 40, was charged with smoking at the den. Sub-Inspector MacKenzie said he raided the hut at the back of 1A Jardine Street. The front of the premises was a firewood shop. Only second defendant was in the hut and several lamps and some opium were found. On examining the hut, he found an electric bell which was connected to a push button at the front of the shop. He had to enter the hut through the shop although there was an escape at the back of the hut.

WHEN BELL RANG

Ng said she was the owner of the firewood shop and she rented the shop from a person who was the keeper of the den. She did not inform the Police because she had no right to interfere with other people's business. She did not press the bell to warn the people that the Police was coming.

Pang, who pleaded guilty to the smoking charge, said all the other people ran away when the bell rang. He was fined \$35 while Ng was remanded till tomorrow.

For keeping a den at 2 Sai Wu Street, first floor, Chu Chai, 40, was fined \$500 and four months. Three smokers had their bail of \$25 each returned.

All the other divans were located at unnumbered huts in Bullock Lane. Tang Chu, 47, was fined \$300 or four months for keeping a den in one of the huts. Four smokers were each fined \$35.

In another hut was found Au Tam's den. Five smokers arrested there were fined \$35 each while 40-year-old Au was fined \$500 or four months.

PREVIOUS CONVICTION
"If you can afford to smoke opium, you can afford to pay your fines," said Mr d'Almeida when he imposed fines of \$35 on each of seven smokers found in a den kept by 40-year-old Cheung Kam.

Cheung, who had a previous conviction for unlawful possession, was sentenced to four months.

Five smokers were arrested in the den kept by Tang Lai, 20, unemployed. Tang was fined \$500 or five months while smokers were fined \$45 each.

Chan Fat, 23, unemployed, was fined \$400 for possession of an opium pipe in another unnumbered hut.

In yet another hut, were found two smokers who were each fined \$35. No keeper was arrested.

In all cases, huts were ordered to be demolished.

\$1,000 FINE FOR DIVAN KEEPER

The heaviest fine yet levied on an opium den keeper was imposed on Chow Hup-yuen, 25, unemployed, who was conducting a flourishing business at 60, Canton Road, ground floor, until the Police raided the den late yesterday afternoon.

For keeping an opium den and the possession of about six mace of the drug, Chow was today fined \$1,000 for the first count and \$50 for the second, or in default, to serve six months in Stanley.

Altogether 33 persons were arrested on the premises when Inspector Timms and his party entered the floor. But yesterday four managed to prove their claim that they were living in the cockpit which was not being used as a den and they were discharged.

The entire floor was for the purpose of opium smoking. It was furnished with 12 beds and equipped with nine opium pipes, several pipe-heads and 14 lamps and Inspector Orem said that the den was one of the largest yet raided by Police in recent months. The floor was illuminated with the up-to-date neon lights to attract customers.

Apart from the four who were discharged, 29 admitted that they were there smoking opium or were in the premises to smoke opium. Two smokers who were absent from Court had their bail of \$50 each returned while the rest were each fined \$35.

Letters To The Editor

St Stephen's College

Sir—At the prize giving held on Saturday, July 10, in the Warden's Report there was an appeal to raise the balance of money required, some \$23,000, to enable a commencement of the first portion of the College Chapel to be a Memorial in remembrance of those who were killed or died in the War and during the Japanese Occupation. The Warden went on to say that there are POWs and Internees who may like to have a share in such a Chapel. I am writing this letter therefore to draw the attention of all Internees in Stanley, especially those who occupied the various buildings of the College and who had the benefit of solid roofs over their heads and made use of much valuable woodwork to augment the very scanty fuel rations supplied by the Japs, to send whatever they can afford, however small a sum it may be, to this Fund. No better memorial could be raised in remembrance of the devoted service and example given by Canon Ernest Martin and his beloved wife Kathleen (who died in Stanley) to all sundry interned in Stanley.

Canon Martin has just left by air, on a well deserved holiday, to visit Professor Sewell at Chengtu. It will surely gladden his heart to find on his return that the necessary money has been forthcoming.

Any donations for this purpose should be forwarded to Mr F. C. Maundrell, c/o E. & C. Ltd, 2nd fl, French Bank Building, 5, Queen's Road Central; or Mr Chan Yung-ang, c/o United Traders, York Building, H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN.

PROFITABLE GROUND NUT SCHEME IN E. AFRICA

London, July 12.—The big East African ground nut scheme is likely to be more profitable than was originally estimated, Mr John Strachey, Food Minister, told the House of Commons today.

The cost had gone up substantially, but the sale price of ground nuts had increased by far more. The scheme was originally designed to produce ground nuts for sale at £30 a ton for the first three years, dropping to £20 a ton.

Today, the Minister of Food was paying for certain marginal quantities of ground nuts between £25 to £30 a ton.

"We do not take astronomical figures like that, but the figure of £41 a ton which we pay for our main supply of ground nuts from Nigeria. We reckon, perhaps optimistically, that after three years that price would begin to drop by 50/- a ton per year. We applied

that to the proceeds of the ground nut scheme. The result was that the scheme, far from being less profitable than the original estimate, is substantially more so."

There would, he said, be a commercial profit from next spring's harvest.

Research work has been going on for over a year into the production of oil from rubber seeds. Experiments were being made both in Nigeria and Malaya and the Ministry of Food would do its utmost to see if some new source could be developed. It would be a "most valuable thing" if it could be developed.

Mr Strachey was speaking in a debate on food.—Reuter.

MILK FOR BERLIN



German workers unload a plane cargo of fresh milk from a C-47 transport at Tempelhof Airport at Berlin. The milk came with a consignment, which included flour, as part of a rations shipment for persons residing in the western sectors of Berlin.—AP Picture.

Democratic Convention Ready To Open

Philadelphia, July 12.—Fifteen hundred Democratic Party delegates assembled here today for the Convention which will nominate their candidate for November's Presidential elections.

They are meeting in the same hall where, last month, the Republicans chose Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York State as the man to break the Democrats' 16 years of unbroken power.

Many Democrats were convinced that Mr Dewey would defeat Mr Harry S. Truman, today's President, and the most likely man to be picked when the Convention gets down to voting for their candidate later in the week.

In the resulting atmosphere of gloom, the keenest interest lay in the choice of running mate for the host of Vice-President, from which Mr Truman stepped into the highest office when the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt died.

The Vice-Presidential candidate is expected to become leader of the Democratic Party if Mr Truman re-enters.

JUDGE DECLINES

Today, Mr John Redding, the Democratic National Publicity Director, announced that Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas will not stand for this post.

Mr Truman was reported to have asked him to be his running mate in a long distance telephone call over the weekend.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, one of the most prominently mentioned possible Vice-Presidential candidates, made the keynote address when the Convention opened.

He attacked the Republican record on foreign affairs, but paid tribute to two Republicans—Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Representative Charles Eaton, of New Jersey, of the House Foreign Affairs Group.

"They made great contributions to the European recovery plan," Senator Barkley declared.—Reuter.

ERP Agreement Approved

Rome, July 12.—The Chamber of Deputies today approved the Italian-United States bilateral ERP accord signed on June 28 by a vote of 297 to 90, only the Communists and Left Wing Socialists voted against it.

The Senate will vote on the accord in about a week.

Representatives previously approved the three sections of the bill separately by a show of hands.

The approval gives the President, Luigi Einaudi, the authority to put the accord into effect but work on Italy's part of the Marshall plan aid programme is already under way.—United Press.

Manila Strike Ends

Manila, July 12.—The 200-day strike for higher pay of some 200 employees and workers of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company came to an end during the weekend as the management agreed to give wage increases.

The company is American-owned. The strike stopped overseas traffic and threatened to paralyse local services.—Reuter.

Anti-Red Agitators Invade University

Peiping, July 13.—Between 500 and 600 members of an anti-Communist vanguard broke into the campus of the Tsinghua University and staged an anti-Red demonstration there.

They left after seven hours. No violence attended the visit. Students of the University, angered by the incident, petitioned the President to take steps to assure their security.

Earlier, a stormy 3½ hour discussion on the shooting up of students in Peiping on July 5 took place and almost ended in blows between two officials present.

RESIGNATION DEMANDED

Some of those present at the meeting flatly stated that the 20th Division was responsible and demanded the resignation of the commander and the court-martalling of the battalion commander in charge of troops at the time of the incident.

Others insisted the responsibility should first be fixed.

During a brief exchange, Liu Li-chi, member of the Advisory Yuan, pounded the table and called Liu Teh-jwen, member of the Legislative Yuan, a "mixed up fool."

Others present prevented the two from coming to blows and the meeting adjourned without making any decision.—Associated Press.

NATIONALISTS CLAIM MORE GAINS

Shanghai, July 13.—The Nationalists recaptured three cities in West Shantung in a drive northward pursuing the fleeing Reds, pro-Government reports said today. The three cities recaptured were Tingtao, Kuo-cheng and Holzeh near the Honan border.

At the same time, the Chinese Air Force vigilantly patrolled the Yellow River stretch, harrying the Communists, blasting supply vehicles, sinking 35 junks and preventing attempted crossings of the river, according to government reports.

The siege of Yenchow, about 75 miles south of Tsingtao, provincial capital of Shantung, continued meanwhile, with minor skirmishing activity reported yesterday.

CLASH OUTSIDE CITY

Garrison patrol units struck out from three of the city's gates and clashed with the Communists outside the city walls. After invalidating a few gun positions, the patrols returned within the safety of the city walls.

The Garrison commander, Gen. Li Yu-tang, said the government position after 23 days of siege is "much improved." He claimed that his troops in that period killed 7,000 Communists and destroyed 30 vehicles.

The East China Headquarters at Haichow airlifted 10 tons of "comfort" packages for the beleaguered garrison at Yenchow.

A rescue column from Tolan bypassed Tawenkwu city and was now said to be 20 miles north of Yenchow where they are now encountering Red resistance.—United Press.

TENSION IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, July 12.—Tension rose today as rumours increased of a possible sudden move to oust at least part of Premier Phibun Songgram's government. Union labour was reported nervous. A general strike was considered for July 14, the Premier's birthday.

Uneasiness among the military leadership was indicated by the confinement of Lieutenant-Colonel Narong Vorabut, one of the leaders of the coup last November. He recently issued a pamphlet attacking other leaders of the November revolt. Two Generals and several other high rank officers were reported questioned by the military command.

Army guards were posted in strategic areas. Elements of the Army and Navy have expressed disaffection with the way in which military leaders of the November coup have been impugning names of the services by delving into politics and commerce.—Associated Press.

DRIVE AGAINST GUERRILLAS

Athens, July 12.—Greek Government troops today began an advance against the upper slopes of the Grammos Range in northwest Greece in the second stage of the offensive to drive the guerrillas from their mountain strongholds.

According to official reports, the guerrillas' activities confined mainly to the destruction and mining of highways to hamper Army supplies, had been checked in the Epirus area.

The roads around Salona were said to have been cleared.

Government Army casualties up to July 8 were given as 1,194, of which 183 were killed, while guerrilla losses were 1,775, with 1,240 killed.—Reuter.

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1462 Bible Brings \$15,400

London, July 12.—A vellum copy of a Bible printed in Latin in Mainz, Germany, in 1462 was purchased for £15,400 at an auction in London today.

The successful bidder was a London bookseller.

The bible was from a collection of books formed by the late Baron Horace de Landau.—Associated Press.

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THIRD TEST MATCH

Old Trafford Lives Up To Reputation

Manchester, July 12.—England's cricket team, which appeared set for its first win against Australia in the current series of test matches, suffered a setback today as heavy rain prevented any play and stopped them building up an unassailable score.

With only one day's play left in the third test at the Old Trafford ground, England leads by 316 runs with seven second innings wickets standing.

England's captain, Norman Yardley, will now be faced with the problem of when to close the innings if a prompt start is possible on Tuesday.

If there is an improvement in the weather and the sun shines, he may close straight away on Tuesday morning and leave the Australians to bat on a sticky wicket.

But if the sky is overcast and the wicket remains wet and slow—not the type to help bowlers—he may decide to bat on for a while, hoping that the pitch will become more difficult as the day wears on.

On a wet and slow pitch, England will have to work hard to get out the strong batting Australian team before time is called at 17.30 GMT on Tuesday.

Australia will be without one of its batting stars, Sid Barnes, who is in hospital following his injury on Friday when he was struck by the ball when fielding very close to the bat in England's first innings.—Associated Press.

BARNES TO REST UNTIL NEXT TEST

Manchester, July 12.—Sydney Barnes, the Australian cricketer, who was injured while fielding in the third Test match against England at Old Trafford and will take no further part in the game, has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave hospital tomorrow morning. Mr Keith Johnson, the Australian manager, told Reuters: "I saw Barnes today and the people at the hospital seemed quite satisfied to allow him to leave. I am not certain whether he will return with the team to London after the Test, but he will definitely not play in our next match against Middlesex. He will have to rest until the next test at Leeds."—Reuters.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, July 12.—The close of play scores in the County cricket matches today were:

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 233, Glamorgan 46 for one. Play was restricted owing to rain. At Coventry: Somerset 359, Warwickshire 86 for zero. There was no further play after lunch owing to rain.

At Blackheath: Kent 100, Surrey 247 for four (Squires 99). Play was restricted owing to rain.

At Bradford: The match between Yorkshire and Middlesex was also restricted owing to rain. Middlesex 219, Yorkshire 74 for no wicket. At Portsmouth: Sussex 359 for seven declared (James Langridge 77 not out). Hampshire 217 for seven (Rogers 108).

At Nottingham: Essex 318, Nottinghamshire 93 for no wicket (Keeton 50 not out). Play was restricted owing to rain.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 347 for eight declared, Lancashire 224 for five (Klein 76, Clanshaw 57). At Kidderminster: Derbyshire 282, Worcestershire 180. Play was restricted by rain.—Reuters.

JOHN TUNNICLIFFE DIES

Bristol, July 12.—John Tunncliffe, star Yorkshire batsman of 50 years ago, died in Bristol today aged 81. Tunncliffe, six feet two inches tall, became cricket coach to Clifton College after helping Yorkshire win the County championship seven times between 1901 and 1907.

"Long John" Tunncliffe, with L. T. Rowan, twice set up first wicket partnership records.

In 1897 they hit 378 runs off the Sussex bowling and in the next season, 584 runs off the Derbyshire bowling, a record that stood until the two other Yorkshire players, Percy Holmes and Herbert Sutcliffe, scored 655 off the Essex attack at Leyton in 1932.

Tunncliffe made over 1,000 runs in 13 separate seasons. He was a brilliant slip fielder, too, making 575 catches.—Associated Press.

SOME FINGLETON THEORIES

By ARCHIE QUIRK

Jack Fingleton, Australian Test Match cricketer turned journalist, was always a bit of a revolutionary at the game and he exploited a few more accepted cricket ideas as I talked to him at the Lords Test.

For one thing Jack doesn't agree with all this "playing forward." Now if you speak to coaches like Archie Fowler of Lords or like Makepeace of Old Trafford they will say "get forward and across to the pitch of the ball when you are playing defensively. Kill the spin at birth and if the ball raps your pads the chance of a leg-before-wicket is lessened by the distance the ball would have had to travel to the wicket."

Not Fingleton. He says by playing back you get longer time to look at the ball. All fast bowling should be played close to the wicket is also his theory. It upsets all that professors have taught us. England but judged strictly on results, the Australian idea seems to be correct.

England's repeated batting failures have split the cricketing fraternity into two parts. One section says, "scrap all of them. Let others who are better replace them."

I say let us cut our losses, accept the Australians as our masters this time and give youth its fling for the sake of experience and future series. Let in up and coming youngsters and blood them in the bitter Test arena while there is time. It is a profound thought that the two best counties this season, Glamorgan and Derbyshire, have not yet supplied England with a Test representative. George Pope got as far as the Trent Bridge dressing room.

NOTTS FACES CRISIS

Nottinghamshire batsmanship stands at the crossroads. There has been such a breakdown in the Midlands county's play that secretary Brown told me that the committee are not only seriously worried about the future but are earnestly considering importing outside players for the first time in Notts history.

Evidently there are no promising players in the nursery. I have watched Nottinghamshire through the days of George Gunn who used to walk down the pitch to meet fast bowlers, Dodger, Whyall, Payton, Joe Hardstaff senior, Larwood, Voco, the Staples, and now the well has run dry.

As I see it, if Walter Keeton and Charlie Harris do not now lay a foundation with a solid opening stand, there is only Hardstaff left to stop a collapse.

Harold Butler is a fairish bowler judged by modern standards but the side has no attack. I saw Notts lose seven wickets for 62 and be all out for 115 on a batsman's wicket at Bath the day after they had been shot down for 78 at Swansea. There were not isolated failures for there was a meagre 45 at Manchester and 69 at Loughborough. This is not Trent Bridge tradition and must be quickly rectified. One person of promise is young Peter Harvey whom it has taken a deal of persuasion to enter country cricket.

He is the organist at Hucknall Methodist Church and will not take part in Sunday benefit matches on principle. One thing I did like about Notts was the way Charlie Harris was winning their matches, he said, chiefly by grand fielding. Arthur Watkins, Plymouth footballer in a class of his own with Pless and Willie Jones not far behind.

They are all such little men, said Harris humorously, that they have not got to bend to pick up. This fielding is a thing to be considered for not only is there a general laxity throughout counties in this important department but the rot has permeated England's Test team.

Runs thrown away in the field are as important as those collected with the bat and there seem few men these days who can get them with the bat in their hand. The Blues are on top of their toes all the time.

BASEBALL

MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

New York, July 12.—Minor League Standings, (including Sunday games):

	International	Won	Lost	P.
Montreal	50	26	25	558
Buffalo	40	28	12	513
Newark	38	37	1	507
Jersey City	40	40	0	500
Syracuse	36	38	4	480
Toronto	40	42	4	481
Rochester	38	43	4	469
Baltimore	29	40	3	387
Pacific Coast				
Oakland	61	45	578	
San Francisco	51	44	569	
San Diego	58	46	558	
Los Angeles	58	46	558	
Seattle	49	51	490	
Hollywood	48	54	460	
Portland	41	59	410	
Sacramento	38	62	380	

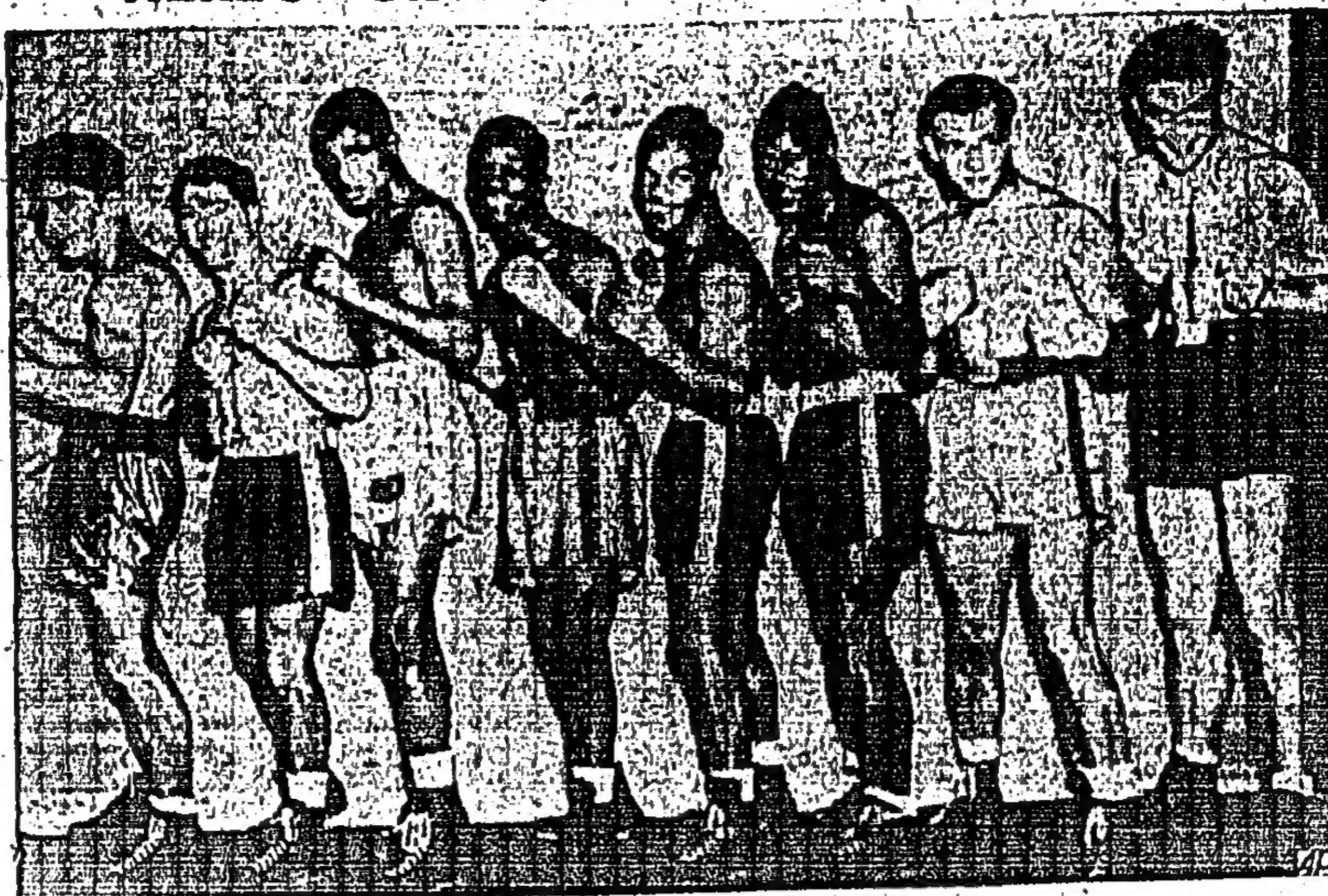
	American Association	Won	Lost	P.
Indianapolis	58	33	229	
Milwaukee	51	34	500	
Columbus	49	37	570	
St. Paul	46	40	535	
Minneapolis	42	43	494	
Toledo	38	54	413	
Kansas City	34	60	408	
Louisville	33	58	763	

	Southern Association	Won	Lost	P.
Nashville	53	34	609	
Mobile	50	36	591	
Memphis	50	36	591	
Birmingham	45	42	517	
New Orleans	39	46	450	
Atlanta	39	50	439	
Little Rock	38	49	424	
Chattanooga	35	54	393	

	TEXAS LEAGUE	Won	Lost	P.
Fort Worth	54	35	607	
Houston	50	34	593	
Tulsa	48	34	585	
San Antonio	41	44	482	
Dallas	40	45	471	
Shreveport	40	47	460	
Beaumont	37	53	411	
Oklahoma City	33	61	393	

—Associated Press.

HERE'S U.S. OLYMPIC BOXING TEAM



Fighters who won berths on the U.S. Olympic Boxing team after finals in Boston, line up after the series of bouts that selected them as the cream of America's boxing talent.

Left to right: Frank Sodano, flyweight, Philadelphia; William Bossio, bantam, Pittsburgh; Edward Johnson, feather, Kansas City; Wallace Smith, lightweight, Cincinnati; Horace Herring, welter, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Washington Jones, middleweight, Lovejoy, Ill.; Charles Spelzer, light-heavy, Detroit, and Jay Lambert, heavy-weight, West Jordan, Utah.—AP Wirephoto.

TAFY O'CALLAGHAN EXPLAINS

"INDIAN SOCCER PLAYERS CURL THEIR TOES AROUND THE BALL"

London, July 12.—Raised eyebrows and shocked looks greeted the Indian Olympic soccer team here today.

The Indians couldn't understand it.

"We are here to play soccer, so why do we need boots? You aren't going to crush glass on the field, are you?" the Indians asked.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BACKSTROKE

By W. J. Howcroft

A world-wide survey of current backstroke form has left me with no alternative but the declaration that there are half a dozen or more men and women who hold winning chances in the two Olympic backstroke events.

By virtue of her success in the European backstroke championship, the Danish girl, Karen Harup, stands at the top of my ranking list. This 22-year-old from Copenhagen can be relied on to put up a big swim whenever she turns out. Her European title was won in 75.9 secs., figures which were well inside Dill's 78.9 secs., set up when she won the backstroke title at the Berlin Olympics.

Miss Senf's final time did not represent the Dutch girl's real merit. She "fluffed" the turn in the final to lose yards, and failed to approach her heat time of 76.6 secs. On the other hand, Miss Harup has actually returned 74 secs. for 100 m. in a 25 m. bath.

Hungarian hopes centre on Ilonka Novak, a beautiful stylist who came through a progress test in Budapest recently in 76 secs., a clear improvement on her fourth place in the European title event. Judging by the news seeping through from Budapest, Hungarian swimmers are putting in more hard training than the majority of Europeans.

Holland has always found top-ranking women backstroke exponents down the years since Van den Turk set up a world's record of 82 secs. in 1927. The Dutch are quietly confident that they will find at least two entrants capable of beating 76 secs. The best hope is Greta Gallard (76.5 secs.), and a newcomer, Van Ekris, who is improving on her best every time she turns out.

The French national champion, Monique Berlioux, is difficult to assess. At her best she will break 77 secs. But Monique's difficulty is that her sporting ambitions clash with her professional job. She is a sporting journalist whose interests are divided at an international meeting. A recent appendicitis operation, and consequent break in training, will do nothing to improve her Olympic chances.

Though her day has not yet arrived, the French second string, 16-year-old Ginette Jany, is worthy of mention. A sister of Alex Jany, world record holder, Ginette is likely to break 80 secs. in her first Olympic test. Incidentally, Ginette learned to swim at two years of age, and it was her prowess in the water which started brother Alex on the way to stardom.

Californian Susanne Zimmerman, five times U.S. champion since 1943, hovers around the 77 secs. mark, only fractions of a second slower than two other Pacific Coast girls, Brenda Helser and Barbara Jensen. Advice from the States indicate that the U.S. Olympic team will be put through a special training programme before they leave for London. Reading between the lines it is not unreasonable to expect the fleetest U.S. girl to be capable of equalling, or beating, Olympic records.

British backstroke hopes into freestylers, both individually and collectively. Last season the two Scots, Cathie Gibson and Margaret Girvan, the 14-year-old national junior champion, stood out as our best prospects. Miss Gibson's performance when she swam second to Miss Harup in the European title, last pointed to a strong Olympic challenge. Unfortunately Cathie has failed to strike her best form this season, but

The Indians explained that nobody in their home country wears shoes or even socks to play the game which is probably tougher on the feet than any other.

They will be the first team in the history of English soccer to play with feet in the open. There are only two exceptions, the goalies, Mohammed, and right-half, To. The Indians play the first game against Burma on July 20 and expect to open the eyes of the Westerners who need shoes to protect their feet.

The English coach, Taffy O'Callaghan said: "Once you get used to it playing barefooted, it proves more effective than the weakling western style." O'Callaghan said that the Indians shoot more accurately than shod players.

"They just curl up their toes around the ball and guide it right on the beam. Also they can spin it back towards them when somebody tries to take the ball away."

"The Indians' only worry is whether they can last the 90 minutes—the length of the game under Olympic rules. Because of the heat in India, the games are of only 60 minutes' duration."—United Press.

CHINESE WIN AT CALCUTTA

Calcutta, July 12.—The Chinese Olympic footballers, playing the first of a series of four games here today, beat the best local side, Mohammedan Sporting, by three goals to one before an estimated crowd of 50,000.

The visitors' crowd busting tactics impressed the crowd who, though seeing their favourites beaten, cheered the Chinese goals heartily. Scorers were Chu Wing-keung, centre-forward, who scored two goals, and Ho Ying-fan, right wing. —Associated Press.

ATHLETES CONVERGING ON LONDON

London, July 12.—Planes with contingents from Egypt, South Africa and Uruguay converging on London today began the flow of Olympic athletes into Britain's capital for the Games. Already 900 athletes from many parts of the globe have arrived.

The Egyptian contingent consisted of 44 footballers and basketball players, for whom accommodation has been arranged. From South Africa came 41 competitors, while Uruguay sent 17.—Reuters.

VENEZUELA TO PARTICIPATE

London, July 12.—The entry of Venezuela into the Olympic Games was announced tonight, bringing the countries competing to the record number of 62. Olympic officials could not be contacted tonight to explain the reason for the acceptance of this entry after the closing date.—Reuters.

SWISS OARSMEN THINK SOMETHING UP

Basle, July 12.—Twenty-six leading Swiss oarsmen will set out for Basle on Saturday to row the Swiss Olympic flag to London. In an eight-oar boat, 80 feet long, the flag will be rowed in 24 hours 500 miles down the Rhine in five days.

At Rotterdam, the boat and its crew will be shipped to Tilbury from where the Swiss oarsmen will row the remaining distance up the Thames to London, arriving on July 28.—Reuters.

A well earned rest may restore her lost form. Miss Girvan, too, has failed to approach her best this season. Here again a lay-off from racing may be the answer.

DANISH SWIMMERS SELECTED

Copenhagen, July 12.—Denmark's swimmers for the Olympic games in London were announced today. They include:

100 metres and 400 metres: Greta Andersen, Karen Margrethe Harup and Fritz Nathansen.

400 metres relay: Greta Andersen, Karen Margrethe Harup, Fritz Nathansen, Gunor Kraft, Eva Rise and Elv Svendsen.

The committee has picked six girls in the very best form at the event.—Associated Press.

ALLOCATION OF QUARTERS

London.—Olympic Games Attaches from London delegations of 50 competing nations have been meeting Games Organisers at headquarters in London to hear details of the accommodation plan.

They were told at which of 32 different housing centres their teams will live for the Games period. Allocations have been kept secret since the executive made their final decision. There has been keen competition for the best favoured centres—hatted "villages" at Richmond Royal Park and the RAF recruiting depot at Uxbridge, each capable of holding 1,000 competitors.

Stanley Braut, Olympic housing chief, who made the allocations, says: "Diets and numbers in teams have been the two main considerations in determining which camp to send them to. Those with similar diets have been grouped together."

Based on these considerations, allocations will probably be:

Uxbridge: British, USA, and Continental teams with similar diets.

Richmond: Scandinavian teams and probably South American nations.

West Drayton: Probably "Iron Curtain" countries.

Schools, etc.: Teams with diets needing special kitchen arrangements.

AMERICAN RELAY TEAMS

New York, July 12.—The United States Olympic Committee today nominated the American 400 and 1,600-metre relay teams and disclosed that it was still US\$50,000 short of the money needed to send a full complement to London.

As processors worked at top speed to complete passport and visa preparations before the bulk of the squad sails on the ss America on Wednesday, the committee chairman (Mr Avery Brundage) pointed out the danger that low priority teams may be left at the dock due to lack of funds. However, while the money is still coming in, there is not much chance that anyone would have to stay at home.

The Committee cabled to London the names of eight men for the 400-metre relay and eight for the 1,600-metre relay. Of these, four from each will be chosen actually to compete in the races.

Named to the 400-metre team were: Barney Ewell, Mel Patton, Harrison Dillard, Ed Cornwell, Cliff Bourland, Clyde Scott, Bill Porter and Lorenzo Wright.

Named to the 1,600-metre were: Mel Whitfield, Dave Bolen, George Gilda, Art Harden, Hot Chambers, Roy Cochran, Dick Ault and Cliff Bourland.—United Press.

Who's Who of Britain's Olympic Boxers

By GEORGE WHITING

Two soldiers, a sailor, an engineer, a scientific instrument worker, an electrical engineering student, a millwright, and a maker of ivory-backed brushes and combs will spend their 1948 holidays (some without pay) boxing for Great Britain in the Olympic Games.

Here are the young men whose every spare moment from now till August will be concentrated on adding to the national score: Fly-weight: H. F. CARPENTER, 22-year-old ivory worker from the Bradford B.C., London. A.B.A. and London champion. Reserve: P. Keenan (Anderson A.A.C., Glasgow). Standing by: J. Murphy (Anderson A.A.C., Glasgow).

(Anderson A.A.C., Glasgow). T. Lowrie (Polytechnic B.C., London). Bantam-weight: T. PROFFITT, 21-year-old millwright from the L.N.E.R. B.C., Manchester. A.B.A. and Northern Counties champion. Reserve: T. Miller (Dalmarock A.A.C., Scotland). Standing by: F. Morrison (Army and Hull, Yorkshire), J. Dwyer (Scottish National B.C.).

Feather-weight: P. BRANDER, 20-year-old electrical engineering student from the Slough Centre B.C. A.B.A. and London champion. Reserve: C. F. Tucker (R.A.F. and Lynn B.C., London). Standing by: H. Gilliland (Kilmarnock A.A.C., Scotland), C. Hannan (Winchester B.C.).

Light-weight: R. COOPER, 10-year-old engineer from West Ham B.C., London. Recently demobilised from the Royal Navy. A. B. A., Imperial Services, and Royal Navy champion. Reserve: T. Glanville (Slough Centre B.C.). Standing by: R. Latham (Hilltop, Main, C. Yorkshire), P. M. Gulchian (L. M. S. Rovers, Scotland).

Welter-weight: M. B. SHACK, 29-year-old scientific instrument maker from Eccle, Lancashire. A.B.A. and Northern Counties champion. Reserve: J. Ryan (Army and Cardiff, Wales). Standing by: G. H. Williams (West Ham B.C., London), J. Flannigan (Scottish National A.A.C.).

Middle-weight: J. A. WRIGHT, 19-year-old sailor from the Polytechnic B.C., A.B.A., Imperial Services, and Royal Navy champion. Reserve: R. Agland (Tir-y-beth B.C., Wales). Standing by: R. Bebbington (Army and Fairbairn House B.C., London), T. Warren (West Ham B.C., London).

Cruiser-weight: D. E. SCOTT, 19-year-old military policeman from the Army and the Premier B.C., Derby A.B.A., Imperial Services, and Army champion. Reserve: J. Alltop (Birkenhead B.C.). Standing by: B. Lord (Army), J. Sully (Cardiff).

Heavy-weight: J. GARDNER, 24-year-old Grenadier Guards sergeant from Market Harborough, A.B.A., Imperial Services, and Army champion. Reserve: J. Morkus (Repton B.C., London). Standing by: J. Daniels (Army), K. Wyatt (Tiverton).

Henry Carpenter, pupil of ex-champion "Taffy" Ryan, has achieved fame by breaking up the traditional monopoly enjoyed in Britain by the fly-weights of Scotland. If Carpenter must be faulted, it is on the score of inconsistency and a tendency to let loose his right hand before time and target are reached.

Bantam-weights have not contributed with any great magnificence to the British season just ending. Baby-face Tommy Proffitt must in all honesty be described as champion of a moderate crop.

Feather-weight Peter Brander is young in years but ripe in international experience. Winner of three British titles in four years, his big-match exploits include victories over R. Candan (France), G. Loughlin and M. O'Neill (Ireland), G. Iscepi (Switzerland), P. Madsen (Denmark), N. Phillips (Scotland).

Ronald Cooper, swift-moving product of Boys' Clubs championships in London, began his international career by outpointing M. O'Neill of Ireland exactly one year ago. Subsequently, he has beaten E. Schmiediger (Switzerland), and shared two verdicts with S. Wad (Denmark).

Max Shacklady will probably be unknown to overseas readers of World Sports. He is the only British boxer to have beaten the famous Johnny Ryan in the last three years.

Middle-weight Johnny Wright is now fulfilling the splendid promise he showed as a Sea Cadet champion. As an Olympic offer him his first chance of boxing first-string for Britain.

Lanky Donald Scott always had a punch. Now, after fewer than 50 bouts, he shows signs of developing into as clever a cruiserweight as the renowned Joe Goydard. In international competitions, he has stopped Gunnar (Sweden), and J. Morkus (Scotland).

Finally, there is the heavy-weight, Jack Gardner, who moved down all opposition on his way to the A.B.A. title in May. Pending evidence to the contrary, I would call him the hardest punching heavy-weight champion Britain has had since Pat Floyd.

Cerdan-Zale Fight

Brussels, July 12.—Macedo Cerdan of France, once again wearing the European middleweight crown, signed today to meet world middleweight champion, Zale, of Gary, Indiana, in a title bout at this autumn in New York.

Cerdan signed only a few hours after regaining the European title from rugged Cyril Delannoy, of Belgium.—United Press.

LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

Philadelphia, July 12.—Ike Williams, the holder, and Beau Jack, former champion, each weighed in at nine stone eight pounds for their world lightweight title fight over 15 rounds here tonight.

There had been rumours that they might have difficulty in getting below the nine stone pounds lightweight limit.—Reuters.

Four Egyptians To Attempt Channel Swim

London, July 12.—Four Egyptians are among those who plan to attempt the channel swim this year, said the British Press Association tonight.

Arriving at Dover today, they are to start training immediately and hope to make their bid early in August.

One of them, 30-year old Fahmy Attallah, Director of the Press Section of the Egyptian Ministry of Supply, is the only one to have made previous attempts on the channel. Last year bad weather beat him after he had been swimming for 2½ hours.

Of the others, two are NCOs in the Egyptian Army and the fourth a customs officer. The soldiers are 27-year-old Masoud Hassan Samad, who is six feet seven inches tall and 41-year old Hassan Abd el Rehim, who is six feet 1½ inches. The other swimmer is Abd el Magid Mohamed.

A doctor and trainer have come from Egypt with them.—Associated Press.

Tonight's Chess

Two former Colony Champions, L. Karpovich, winner of the title in 1941, and D. E. de Carvalho, several times winner, the last time in 1939, meet at the Peninsula Hotel tonight in a 10th round game in the Colony Reserves Tournament.

Other 10th round games to-night will be: N. Dounaev v. A. Chanchangsky, and J. Tausz v. A. Biriukoff.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT FOR WORLD TITLE

Stockholm, July 12.—Twenty of the world's foremost chess players, representing 11 countries, will be competing in a tournament here on Wednesday to select five prospective challengers for the world title held by Russia's Mikhail Botvinnik. They include seven Russians.—Associated Press.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, yes, Johnny and I have broken up definitely—no didn't do any of the nice things I had written up in advance in my diary!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Trumping Opening Lead Is Question

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

WHEN I retired as executive secretary of the American Contract Bridge League on the first of the year after 20 years of service, Curt H. Reisinger of New York was elected secretary.

The Curt H. Reisinger Trophy for the Eastern States open team-of-four regional championship is one of the oldest contract bridge trophies in play. Today's hand came up during that event this year.

The bidding shown is the way it occurred at a table I kibitzed. Some employed Blackwood, and most pairs arrived at six spades.

In practically every case the diamond king was opened. With

♠ 865	♠ A 1002
♠ J43	♠ A5
♠ KQ64	♠ None
♠ A04	♠ KQJ0
♠ KQ74	♠ 532
♠ KQ72	♠ None
♠ A872	♠ None
♠ None	♠ None
♠ J	♠ Q 1086
♠ Q 1086	♠ J 10853
♠ 1087	♠ 1087

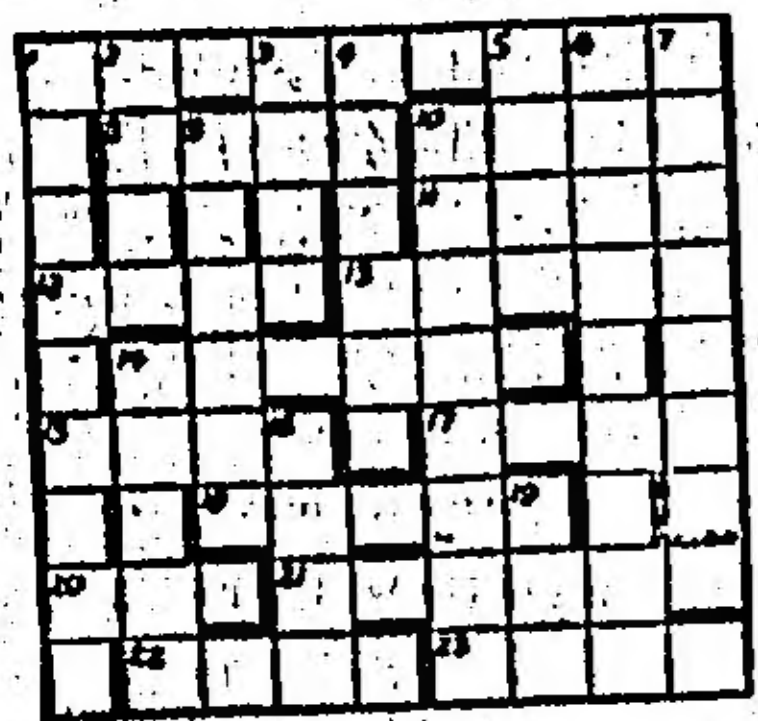
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South West North East
Pass 1 Pass 3
Pass 1 Pass 4
Pass 4 Pass 0
Opening—♦ K 27

the ace of clubs opening declarer would have no problem, but with the diamond opening there was a question as to proper play.

Should declarer win the first diamond with the ace, or should it be trumped in dummy? It was generally agreed that the king of diamonds should be trumped in dummy with the deuce of spades, and the next play should be the deuce of clubs, trumping in the West hand with the three of spades. Then a small spade should be led to dummy's ace and South's jack falls.

Now should declarer lead the king of clubs and let it ride? Analysis shows that the correct play at this point is to lead the three of clubs and trump it with the seven of spades, then lead the seven of spades and win it in dummy with the nine. Lead the five of clubs, trump it with the king of clubs, and now the ace of clubs drops, and declarer makes seven.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. and 7. Originally Continental
2. Greeting to a Turkish governor which should make him do as he is told.
3. Entertainment.
4. The time in which our journey is spent.
5. It's the pace some move with.
6. Dance you may notice after your summer vacation.
7. A between-maid.
8. Obligation of the tresser.
9. You'll find it 9 down.
10. Language.
11. Assurance.
12. Trusts.
13. To say it's a communication.
14. To say it's a communication.
15. Has the dairymaid this insect in mind when she speeds the churn?
16. Hamper Park has a very famous one.
17. My tale combine to make a good one.
18. How a low fellow, a rascal in a state to customs but custom, make nothing to those fellows.
19. It gives the better down for lunch perhaps.
20. A fancied union.
21. In the U.S.A. you find the unknown quantity in tea.
22. Only part in return may be catching.
23. Owed.

DUMB BELLS

OH, SO YOU'VE JUST RETURNED FROM PARIS—DID YOU VISIT ANY OF THOSE FRENCH FRIED POTATO FACTORIES?



Check Your Knowledge

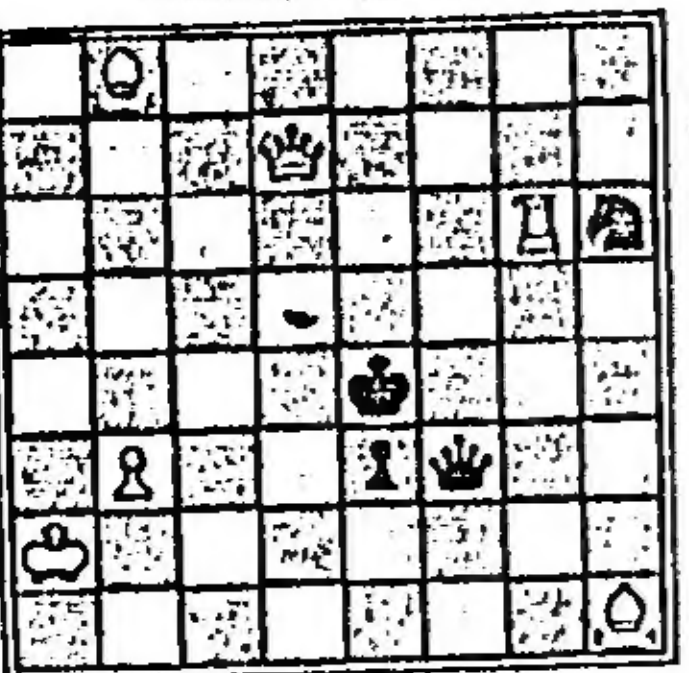
- What was the worst plague in history?
- What is ethnology?
- Who was the Nazi puppet premier of Norway?
- Why does Japan use so much scrap metal?
- What countries are comprised in the Balkan peninsula?

(Answers on Column 5)

CHESS PROBLEM

By SAM LOYD

Black, 4 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q6, any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY, JULY 13

BORN today, common sense is perhaps one of your most important characteristics. You have a magnetic personality which draws people to you, but you do not let this popularity go to your head, but take all flattery with a big grain of salt. You have many talents and when put to constructive use, you can accomplish a great deal in a very short time.

Your know how to handle people and would be good in some executive capacity where dealing with all types of individuals is important. Broaden your scope of activity to include community, church and social work, for you have a special talent in this direction which makes you valuable in putting over some programme of activities or a new idea. You enjoy travelling and would be a good public speaker for some worthy cause. If you enter politics, you will be successful, provided you live up to your innermost ideals and do not let yourself be swayed against your better judgment, merely for the sake of party policy.

You have a high degree of adaptability and are never at a loss to know what to do in any given situation. Be careful that you do not spread your talents over too wide a field of activity or the forcefulness of your energy will become dissipated. Make yourself an expert in one field of endeavour before going on to something entirely different. Variety may be what makes your world go around—but get your variety in a diversity of social contacts rather than in your vocational channels.

Your marriage should be a happy one, since you are sincere and loyal in your attachments. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Make important agreements. Set out upon some promotional or advertising campaign and you will be successful.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Confidence in all you undertake can spell the difference between success and failure. Keep on your toes now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A good day for a journey—in fact, a good day for almost everything if you are practical and efficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—The amount of energy you put into a project this morning spells the degree of success it will enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—A business journey may bring added profits if you consume the right kind of a contract now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Opportunity may be knocking at your door, so be alert to what it offers. An unexpected change may also prove highly beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—In pushing affairs begun yesterday, guard against offending those close to you. Be diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Romance may be important in your life right now. The affairs of the fair sex come into prominence today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A long-awaited promotion in your job may make future wedding plans possible. Congratulations could be in order.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Favourable conditions continue to out-weigh the unfavourable, so make conspicuous progress by being efficient.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Emphasis on the social and domestic scene is likely today. If a business deal is owing, try to collect it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Day becomes better as it gets later. Afternoon hours should bring a satisfactory advance in all your plans.

ZBW RADIO

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Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Story "Gobble Gobble"; 6.30, Salon Concert Play; 6.55, "The Great Escape"; 7.15, "The Great Escape"; 7.30, "The Great Escape"; 7.45, "The Great Escape"; 8.00, "The Great Escape"; 8.15, "The Great Escape"; 8.30, "The Great Escape"; 8.45, "The Great Escape"; 9.00, "The Great Escape"; 9.15, "The Great Escape"; 9.30, "The Great Escape"; 9.45, "The Great Escape"; 10.00, "The Great Escape"; 10.15, "The Great Escape"; 10.30, "The Great Escape"; 10.45, "The Great Escape"; 11.00, "The Great Escape"; 11.15, "The Great Escape"; 11.30, "The Great Escape"; 11.45, "The Great Escape"; 12.00, "The Great Escape"; 12.15, "The Great Escape"; 12.30, "The Great Escape"; 12.45, "The Great Escape"; 1.00, "The Great Escape"; 1.15, "The Great Escape"; 1.30, "The Great Escape"; 1.45, "The Great Escape"; 2.00, "The Great Escape"; 2.15, "The Great Escape"; 2.30, "The Great Escape"; 2.45, "The Great Escape"; 3.00, "The Great Escape"; 3.15, "The Great Escape"; 3.30, "The Great Escape"; 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Americans Building New, Secret Airstrip In Berlin

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN WEEKS

Berlin, July 12.—Americans worked feverishly today on a secret new 5,000-ft airstrip which could easily handle B-29 aircraft and would increase the capacity of the Tempelhof airfield by approximately one-third.

More than 100 American troops and German labourers have started work on the new runway on a 24-hour daily shift last Thursday, July 8. It is expected to be completed and ready for use in about six weeks and will greatly aid the air battle against the Berlin siege.

NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE CRUCIAL

Mr Chifley's Broadcast

London, July 12.—The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, said tonight that the "next three years may very well be the most crucial in the history of the British people."

In a broadcast over the BBC relayed to the Australian Broadcasting network, Mr. Chifley said that Australia would do all in her power to help Britain during the trying times ahead.

Just back from a flying visit to Berlin, he said that he was able to get a first hand picture of the "very difficult position" there.

"Economic and political problems of a character never before encountered in our history, have to be faced daily," he said. "There is little respite from them."

Mr. Chifley said that the object of his visit to Berlin was to obtain a clear understanding of the economic difficulties that confronted the people of Britain and Australia.

JOINT POLICIES

"We want to determine, as well as circumstances will permit, our joint policies for the future. I say to my own people that the path is not easy going but hard, and will continue to be hard."

"Australians know that our future is linked with Britain, not only by ties of race and kinship, but because of hard practical reasons."

Mr. Chifley said that he believed much could be done in Australia to expand production of beef and dairy products and wheat.

Referring to the British emigration to Australia, he said: "Fullest understanding exists between the respective Governments on that matter."

Only the lack of shipping and acute housing shortage in Australia is holding up the scheme, he said.—United Press.

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London, July 12.—John Sherick, American seaman of 23, West-19th Street, New York, stepped off the Trans-Atlantic plane at the London airport today, wearing a white shirt and grey flannels and a straw hat.

"Where is the cricket match?" he asked.

"I must see it. My friends in New York tell me those are the right clothes, so here I am."

The temperature was 55 degrees and it was pouring rain when Sherick landed.

Sherick, who intends to go on to Czechoslovakia, had only one small bag with a clean shirt for the 8,000-mile trip.

"I am man. I don't need many clothes—all I want is to get to the first train to the cricket game."

Today's match between England and Australia in the third Test was washed out.—United Press.

MOUNTBATTEN STILL ACTIVE

London, July 12.—Lord Louis Mountbatten continues an active participation in Indian affairs, particularly in the efforts to settle the Hyderabad issue.

During the past week, Lord Mountbatten and High Commissioner Menon conferred with Mr. R. A. Butler, chairman of the Conservative Party's India Committee, who strongly advocates Hyderabad's independence.

India House sources said that Lord Mountbatten and Commissioner Menon impressed both Mr. R. A. Butler and Mr. Monckton with the reasonable attitude and fairness of India's offer.

Lord Mountbatten and Mr. Monckton also conferred separately with the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and Mr. Winston Churchill with regard to the Hyderabad issue.—United Press.

Captured In Bed After Manhunt Fails



Chinese Communists Change Their Policy

SAID READY TO WELCOME FOREIGN RELIEF AGENCIES

Shanghai, July 12.—Mr. Lewis Hoskins, of Newberg, Oregon, chairman of the Quaker Friends Service unit in China, returned from both sides of the Honan war front today with a report that the Chinese Communists have changed their policy and would welcome non-political foreign relief agencies.

Hoskins went into Red territory two months ago and got Red recognition for relief work in disputed and Nationalist areas 120 square miles around Kailfeng. The unit was already recognised by the Nationalists. Most of its medical and other work was done in government areas.

Hoskins said he felt the Reds have eased up on foreign relief—even the face of the Communist drive last December. Currently, it is trying to fill the void in medical service left by the missionary evacuation.

Hoskins emphasised the Friends Service unit is an international non-political relief agency supported today mainly by the United States "Society of Friends." It was active both sides of the lines during the Spanish civil war and the India-Pakistan fighting and has worked for the past six years in China, including two years in Red territory.

It stayed behind when foreign missionaries evacuated Honan in December. Currently, it is trying to fill the void in medical service left by the missionary evacuation.

Hoskins is held in patches by the Nationalists and Communists—both powerless against epidemics of cholera and other diseases. The Quakers operate hospitals, schools and machine shops.

Hoskins said during the Kailfeng battle the 25-bed hospital at Chungmou was "swamped" with wounded from Kailfeng, mostly government soldiers who hobbled 30 miles to the hospital. Some had wounds five days old. The Communists let them pass," he added.—United Press.

Hoskins said he felt there is a "new Communist policy of more tolerance, not persecution, toward foreign relief bodies. It may be purely selfish in motive, but it is consistently expressed by every Red official I saw."

He said the officials did not specify whether the new policy allows the resumption of evangelistic missionary work—which the Quakers do not do.

WORLD WITHOUT TROUBLE

He said when the Reds captured Chungmou village, 30 miles west of Kailfeng where the Quakers work was centred, they asked: "Are you the Friends Service unit?"

Hoskins said: "We were in a world without trouble for the 10 days they were there. They even let us go to Kailfeng to rescue our stocks while they were still holding the provincial capital."

He said comparable treatment was given to other foreign relief groups in Kailfeng.

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ERP WILL NOT MEAN MORE FOOD

Disappointment For Britons

London, July 12.—Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, today said that even with ERP there is no hope of a sudden resumption of food purchases in the United States.

He said: "All ERP can do is enable us to pay for our foodstuffs from Canada and perhaps purchase a few foodstuffs in the United States—cheese for example—not readily available elsewhere."

But even cheese is only to fill the gap in quantities available from Canada. It is not a net increase. In the coming year, food problem will be in the balance of payments—of not what we can get, but of what we can pay for."

WORLD PROSPECTS

Mr. Strachey believed the world food prospect is improving. He said cereals are not so short as six to nine months ago while twice as much rice is moving in international trade as a year ago.

He said that the Government has reached a series of "useful arrangements" with Australia. He said the Food Ministry is also negotiating a seven-year contract for New Zealand dairy produce.

"In the case of Canada," he said "we have been able to maintain with the utmost difficulty from payments, the point of view of our valuable contracts with them."

Altogether, he said, Britain negotiated 37 bilateral food pacts with European, South American and Asiatic countries.—United Press.

NEW MEAT RATION

London, July 12.—Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Ministry said today that 17,500 tons of canned corned beef have been issued to Britons for their meat ration in the place of carcass meat held up by the London dock strike.

She told the House of Commons that she was not sure the loss in carcass meat would eventually be made up.

"There is a delay in the turn around of the ships," she said. "And you must realise that we not only have contracts with exporting countries but we must also take their exportable surplus too. If we do not take it up in the specified time, it might be that we will lose it."

She said that the Ministry this year is importing 1.2 million tons from Argentina, 750,000 tons from Russia and 150,000 tons from Australia of barley and maize feeding stuffs.

Earlier, Conservative Colin Thornton-Kemsley said that if Britain could double the amount of maize bought in Argentina, it would give everyone in Britain an extra 1½ ounces of bacon every week.—United Press.

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An Epic Naval Victory

HOW INDIAN MINESWEEPER SANK 10,000 TON JAPANESE CRUISER

London, July 12.—The Admiralty tonight published the story of an "almost miraculous" wartime naval engagement, in which the 650-ton Indian minesweeper Bengal sank a 10,439-ton Japanese armed raider.

The Bengal, escorting the Dutch oil tanker, Ondina, in the Indian Ocean in November, 1942, sighted two Japanese armed raiders, one of over 10,000 tons and the other of 8,000 tons.

The minesweeper ordered the tanker to act independently and herself headed straight for the larger Japanese raider.

During the engagement over 200 shells were fired at the Bengal from the two Japanese warships, each of which fired broadsides of four 6-inch guns, while the Bengal had only one 12-pounder gun with 40 rounds of ammunition.

Yet, among the crew of the Bengal there was not even a slight injury, while a hit which she secured on the largest Japanese vessel caused huge explosions after which the ship disappeared.

The Bengal escaped and the Ondina, although badly damaged, was re-banded by the crew which had had to abandon her and was ultimately brought safely back to Fremantle, Western Australia.

The Admiralty, when informed of this exploit, sent an expression of its deep admiration to the Government of India, it is now disclosed.

The narrative of the engagement, submitted by the Commanding Officer of the Bengal, concluded: "Those who took part in this action will never cease to marvel at the result. To think that a small ship, with only one 12-pounder gun, should engage two raiders, both more than ten times her own size, and each with about 20 times her gun power, and so enable the tanker to escape, sink one raider, and then get away herself, is almost miraculous."

"The Royal Indian Navy should be justly proud of their little Bengal Tiger; she has had her tail twisted and has a few scars, but these will soon be healed and the Tiger will be roaring again."—Reuters.

Eagerness For Jap Machines

Shanghai, July 13.—Mr. Ku Pao-chang, Department Director of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, yesterday told newsmen upon his arrival from Nanking that more than 700 applications for the purchase of Japanese reparations machines had been received by the Ministry.

Out of these applications, 320 had been passed as eligible while the remainder were eliminated on procedural grounds.

In the examination of applications, priority was given to textile machines and paper manufacturing factories and coal mines.

A list of 65 factories which had been earmarked to receive top priority in the purchase of reparations machines had been submitted to the Japanese Reparations Committee of the Executive Yuan for further examination and approval, Mr. Ku added.—Reuters.

Air Disaster To Be Probed

London, July 12.—Lord Pakenham, the Minister of Civil Aviation, announced tonight that there would be a public court of enquiry into the loss of the Swedish Skymaster airliner and the Royal Air Force York aircraft which both crashed at Northwood, near London, on July 4 with the loss of 39 lives.

The announcement added that preliminary investigations are taking place and that a further announcement will give the composition of the court of enquiry and the date on which the formal hearings will be opened.—Reuters.

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MORE FIGHTING IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, July 12.—An India communique revealed a sudden upsurge in the fighting in Kashmir today.

It said that 2,000 "raiders" put in a smashing attack on the Uri and Poonch fronts to which aeroplanes were sent to support the defending Indian forces.

The communique said that the raiders fired 1,000 mortar bombs into the Indian positions before launching their attack.

It claimed that 141 raiders were killed during the Uri and Poonch fighting.—United Press.

PAPER ADVOCATES LIBEL LAW

Shanghai, July 13.—The Ta Kung Pao, leading independent daily, today urged the abolition of publication laws in commenting on the suppression of the Nanking edition of the Hsin Min Pao.

It said that China has entered the Constitutional era and suggested incorporation of a libel law in the criminal code which would cover all papers and periodicals found national interest or libelling private persons.—Reuters.

Calwell Defends White Australia Policy

Canberra, July 12.—The Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur A. Calwell, rejected today suggestions that Australia admit Asiatics under her quota system.

A bulletin issued by his department said: "It is doubtful whether any quota figure would satisfy any Asiatic nation, and once the doors to Australia are opened for permanent residence of small quotas of Asiatics, continued pressure would be exerted to permit large numbers to reside permanently in this country."

Mr. Calwell avoided using the term, "White Australia Policy," but the statement amounted to a defence of it. He said Australia's immigration policy is based on the concept of a nation with homogeneous European populations, free from the tensions and complexities which beset countries with mixed populations.

The Minister criticised "foreign inspired propaganda which is aimed at the destruction of Australia's immigration policy."

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